

~~Wills~~ WILLS

Benjamin
Elias
Eliza
Emanuel
Francis
John George
John
Mary
Matthew
James
Miles
Thomas
William
Willis
Zacharias

Misc

Joseph
Lawrence
Parker

Benjamin

Betty Melner of I & W. - to my to.
Pete Wills Melner to W. John Melner
money in Uncle Beny. Wills hand to
be div. to both of them. - To my Aunt
Martha Richards. 2-12-1763
Jas. Bidgood 4-7-1763
Mary X Wills. 17 W. 37-238.

Son. G. B. 5-

334. Heyden Wills to. Robt Balle

to Kate legs of Beny. Wills who is at to

Left this colony 1770

Elias

July 5-1914. Times Dispatch.
w. John S. dau = David Lendon - dau
Mary = Elias Wills of Mulberry Isld.
~~Wills~~ a - - of par. Mary Wills - (died 1770) = el.

9-75 11-27-1765. to Abraham Crowder &
his Francis & Joe. Order of the Col
Amelia Paul to Elias Wills - 300 £ - 1
in Amelia on both sides. Wentcomack ch.
even all the land the sd. Chas & Jm.
Crowder have any claim to either by Paul
or did - in h. S. Wentcomack ch. Sp.
Bna - Walthall line ~~Howells~~ line.
Peter Jones. ~~Howells~~ line. Birth line.
Inken, Memford Cornier, Pardee, Morgan.
Tucker, 4880 - 304 imperial
& cultivated 6-5 of Chas &
Wm Bond, John Smith, Th. Sequent Joe.

Eliza

Warwick Papers.

74. Eliza Wills P of Capt Ennand Wills
reverts to Mr. Miles Wills to act down to
Thos. Rogers. 1697

534. Eliza Wills re. Thos. Wills dett.
39 £ - 4 - 6 - Sub. G.B. 5-

Emanuel

p 13 To Sally Wills dau of
Gen Emanuel Wills
to mrs. Jas. Breder. 1804
Eliza Jones one of the heirs of
John Michael - will of Jas Downing

W. Bk. 13.
93 - T. W. my wife fell heir to
from her father John Fearn
and Andrew a map of
John Fearn - will of
Emanuel Wills, 1810.

Wills. Emanuel = Eliza
dau of

Wm Carey
(her sister = in 1670)
Carey died in 1667 -
married his children
in Tonbstone.

ancestry of Benj. Harrison by
Chas. P. Keith P. 40

Dear Blanche: 2/11/1935
Capt. Lt. Emanuel Wills B. 1754
Wife Sarah Fulgham B. 1753
D. before 1810. H is Will Prob 1810
Married 1775-6. Children
Mills Fulgham Wills 1779
John F. " 1781-2
Emanuel
Sarah Wills 1777 married
Horatio Beeth.
Mrs. Wilsons line goes like
this.
Father - Arthur Beeth Stott
Mother - Ida Wonsble
Arthur Beeth Stott was son of
"Mary Rebecca Thomas"
Arthur Beeth Stott was son of
Samuel Stott & his wife
Martha Wills Beeth.
"Martha Wills Beeth" was the
daughter of Horatio Beeth &
his wife Sarah Wills
Sarah Wills was daughter of
Emanuel Wills & his wife
Sarah Fulgham.
Mrs. Wilkinson cannot go any
more unless we go for her
and we don't go by letter
Lambert E. M. D. Stewart

So glad Jeanette was adm, &
sent her a card.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mrs. Lewis S. Chapman, Sr.
Smithfield
Va.



Francis

Seth G. B. 5.

218. Albudgetum Jones assignee of Thos Wills 1769

S-140 Thos Wills of Bath, H.C. 1769.

S. A Francis Wills = Merriam Johnson

12-13-1764

pg 10

Gt Bk p. 536 4-9-1723

John Drew of Co of Surrey to Francis
Wills of Warwick 5-Shef

T of 320 a. S.S. near Bl. W.

See Rel. for 3 £ paid to John Drew.
Int Thos Wills Jr. Wm Baker.
Math Wills

Sol

3-308 2-8-1778 let Math Will + wife
Mary Parish J. A. to John Johnson
w/ Hardy Pope Math Smith
Andrew Baker O.S. (2)

5-18 Josiah Johnson's wife Temperance to
Math Will -

WILLS

Hannah, the daughter of Lt. Col. John Seabrook and wife Mary Martineau, the daughter of Nicholas Martineau, about 1692, married Captain Miles Wills, the son of Emanuel Wills and his wife Elizabeth Cary. Capt. Miles Wills and Hannah Seabrook his wife are believed to have been the grandparents of Gen. John Seabrook Wills of the Revolution, who died in 1794. William & Mary Quarterly, vol. 24, p. 200-1.

This is an error, a study of the Isle of Wight records, will show that he was a grandson of the Thomas Wills, who came to Isle of Wight with brothers presumably, Mathew and Francis Wills of Warwick County. The Carys came at about the same time and are identified with them for many years, as indicated by their being witnesses etc. on all their court transactions. The loss of the Warwick County records, with the will of Miles Wills prohibits any documentary proof that the Wills Family of Isle of Wight are his descendants, but there is not an account of the family given any where, in which this is not believed and accepted. Dr. Lyon G. Tyler in his magnificent address on "Yorktown and its Memories", delivered on Nov. 24, 1894, before the Richmond College Historical and Genealogical Society, mentioning that Col. John Seabrook married Mary the daughter of Capt. Nicholas Martineau, said he was the "ancestor of Gen. John Seabrook Wills, of the American Revolution. John Seabrook Wills was one of the most distinguished persons born in Isle of Wight etc.

See Times Dispatch, Sunday July 5, 1914.

Hannah the daughter of Col. John Seabrook Wills and wife Mary

Francis Wills.

In the name of God, Amen, I Francis Wills of the County of Isle Wight and of sound and disposing mind and memory do make this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills and testaments. Imprimis, I bequeath my soul to God in humble hope of his mercy through Jesus Christ and my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter named.

Item: It is my will and desire that my wife Temperance may have the full and free use and possession of all my estate real and personal, whatsoever for and during her natural life or for and so long as she continues my widow or unmarried.

Item: Immediately after the death or intermarriage of my wife as aforesaid, I give, devise and bequeath all my land and tenements unto my eldest son Thomas Wills to hold the same to him and his heirs forever, he paying out of the same the sum of 50£ current money to be disposed of amongst all my children then living in equal parts, share and share alike. But if my son Thomas shall refuse the gift of my said lands, upon the conditions aforesaid, then it is my will and desire that my said lands be sold for the most that can be gotten for the same by way of public outcry, allowing three years day of payment and the money arising by the sale thereof to be equally divided amongst all my children as aforesaid.

Item: All my personal estate, goods and chattels whatsoever after the death or intermarriage of my wife as aforesaid, I give and devise and bequeath unto my executors to be by them sold immediately after my death by way of public outcry, allowing three years day of payment and the money arising by the sale hereof to be equally divided amongst all my children share and share alike.

Lastly, I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my sons, Thomas and Mathew Wills, full and sole executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 29th day of January 1747/8.

Witnessed by Robert Hygrave, James Cary Jr., James Cary, Sr.
Recorded, December 14, 1749.

Southampton County, will Bk. 1, p. 4.

Appraisal estate of Francis Wills by Benjamin Johnson, Nathan Vasse and Philip Brantley. Value, 111£-3-0.

R. June 14, 1750. Southampton will Bk 1, p. 14.

Wills

Warwick County

Quit Rent Roll-1704.

Capt. Miles Wills	----	425 A.
Emanuel Wills	-----	325 A.
Elizabeth Wills, widow	-----	155 A.
William Wills	-----	615 A.
Elias Wills	-----	50 A.

John Searsbrook ----- 850 A.

Will of Francis Will was proved by James Cary. Exe., refused.
Temperance Wills the widow and relict qualified, her security,
William Cooper and Phillip Brantley. Her bond was for 500L.
Appraisers of estate, Benjamin Johnson Jr., Phillip Brantley,
Nathan Vasser and James Massengal. 1749.
Southampton Co., O. Bk. 1, p. 30.

Temperance was still living in 1770 when she was mentioned in
the will of Jesse Browne. Sch. Will Bk. 2, p. 357.

It is possible that she married Josiah Johnson, for a deed in
Deed Bk. 5, p. 18, indicates it.

Francis Wills (one of the sons of Temperance and Francis Wills)
married Miriam Johnson, Dec. 13, 1764, and there is a deed on file
in Southampton which show he went to N. C. to live.

Wills of John George

1760

Warewells 1764
 John Geo Wills = Mary
 widow of John
 S.D.B. 8-p 243
 Crapp of
 Surrey

Wills - John - Warewells

Wills - John - Warewells Co
 4-19-1800 9-8-1803 date

Eliza S son John, wife son,
 son Miles C.

Exs brother Wm S. Wills &
 wife.

Wt W. Rudley John J

Sam Wills

Wm Wills, Crozes (h Ed) p 60

John G B.S.
18 P

Wills am

1769

John G.

28 John G. Wills & wife of
2 married to Wills
in Wills - at 50

1747

W

Wills

John S. Wills wife
named Rachel

1783

DB 15-429

1815 - 1816

1817 - 1818

1819 - 1820

1821 - 1822

John Wills eldest son of
Emmanuel Wills
+ dau Eliza Wills

Eliza Wills

Jagers

Henry Jackson, ^{son}

John S. Wills the
younger to his father Joe
Wills - sold by Joe Wills +
wife Nancy - 1797
18 - 141

John George Wills - To
John C. - died - to Eliza C.
to John Wilson son of John
Goff Gray, to my mother-in-
law. Wm Wills, As of
8-24-1779 - 8-28-

Martha Taylor. Mary Pears
of exx - adm - by John G.

15 lines at 15
64 John Wills of Norwich Co. 1725 -

John George Wills - Par of Seward - wife Mary
son Wm, son Math my plant in Mulberry Island Co. of
Warwick son Sangley. to all my gr-child -
after afford for guardian to son Sangley &
wife Mary to son Math - Ex of Nicholas Paulson Jr -
1-27-1781 1-23-1782

Edmund Waller, John Davis, Maria Davis
Sewing W & D. 1778-83 213

John C. Williams
Parker & Co. Architects
New York City
Parker & Co. 1712

D. B. 2-494

John C. Williams
Parker & Co. Architects
New York City
Parker & Co. 1712
same & 1-16-18
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Parker & Co. Architects
New York City
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Waverly Parsons

[Faint handwritten notes]

John Scarbrooke Wills.

Abstract of Will: Sons: William, Parker, Willis, dau. Nancy, Hannah Lydia. Son in law Edmund Godwin grandson Henry Willis Applewhite, son-in-law Thomas Darden, Willis Wills Emanuel Wills and Thomas Darden.
Dated June 11, 1794, proved July 7, 1794
Wm & Mary Q. Vol VIII pg. 266.

John Sc. Wills, Captain. Nov. 5, 1772
Wm & Mary Q. Vol III pg. 272

Made a major Apr. 6, 1775 -
Wm & M. Q. Vol III pg. 273.

John Sch. Wills imported a race horse named Nereu in 1765

Copied Va. Hist Mag. Vol. 35 pg 369

Aug 20, 1791 Nathaniel Wills To Mary Peden
Nov. 28, 1811 John G. Wills To Susie Cunningham
Apr. 10, 1816 John F Wills To Nancy Jordan
1820 Matthew Wills & Lydia Holladay
1824 Matthew Wills To Jennett Holladay
1827 Thomas Wills To Parula Housen
Notes made by R. S. Thomas from
Jals of W. C. Records.

Will of John Wills: Son
Nathaniel, ho. Josiah, sister
Milly Richards brother Miller &
Josiah. proved Oct 4, 1770

Will of John Wills: Wife
Martha, son John Sch. Wills

Capt Miles Wills & Hannah Scarbrooke
his wife were parents of
John -

¹⁷⁷²
John Wills and wife Martha
then Mrs John Scarbrooke Wills

- " Thomas
- " James + what became of
this James
- " Willis
- " Emanuel
- " Benjamin
- " Mills
- " Micajah
- " William

Dau. Hannah Andron

" Lydia Pett

Son Thomas, James, Willie,
Emanuel + Micajah Wills, Benjamin,
Mills, Hannah Godwin, Lydia Pitt
May 7, 1772

Will of Thomas Wills, sons Mills
John, Josiah, wife Martha.
Proved April 4, 1751

Do not know who James
Wills of Nelson married -
He mentions his wife married -
I think he was married twice
before he died -

Matthew Wills had a son a son
James - 1814 - S. H.

James Wills of Nelson County
and his wife Mildred —
their children

Son James Jr.

" Catlett.

" Willis H. (my grand father

" John.

" Lawrence.

Daughters.

" Rebecca

" Nancy

" Judith

" Lucy

" Pally same

" Mary

1672

Musgrave

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1895

12
D 1772

172

Con.

Thimble

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Mix equal = many
D 1778 D 1788

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Wm Richards

8 m called John, Jr.
D 1770
Holland

Lesson Recitation

Called John, Jr.

D 1770

T.

2-11-11 = 11th of County
D. 1765 - 1st of Rich County

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Barban ... 15 | 1794

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Darden
M 1-7-1792

Hallam = Edmund
Godwin
M 9-19-1788

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Seth. G.B.

man. papers. - Henry B. ...
In W. H. - ...
... 1753

Seth. G.B. 4

Math will - ... on ... of ...

Seth. G.B. 7

Math will + w. ...

Seth. G.B. 7

301 old Math will - ...
... Edwards ... 1753

Sp. 45.2 Orphans acct 1762-83
Math wills guard. of ... wills
copy of John Geo wills 1783

Gabriel Gillo = Eliza P ...
Math wills - 1809. OB. 473.

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1. Math . 1 s

6. B 1810-13

48 Gabriel Gibbs = 6/17 ad-in : Math Wills 1811

Sch +

5-360 Math Wills 1781

183. Benj Burt + Math Wills 1781
of 1st 5th rank 1764.
Sch 0 13 5-

Sch. 0 37.

2/10 of Joseph 1781 - 11th 1781
Jordan's Bazaar. 1. and ...
Benj Burt, 1712.

Sch 0 37

97. Math Wills tried in app + look

1st 1781 - 1781
7-8-1774

Sch. G. B. 7

189 Math Wills - chad met. in ,
chad. Jones, Geo. L. ap
1 P. W. Johnson 17:2

Sch. G. B. 7

163. Math Wills - David L. 4, Jac.
Wright - Rott ap. Joseph, 17:

Sch. G. B. 7

162 or. Math Wills, Chad met. in
Wm Wesley + David E. ap
ed. Hardy with

Sch. G. B. 7

182. Limer. in: p. admon et in
C. M. Murrell sec. - Jones in back +
Math Wills ap. in Rockwell
Carter y. g. in the pres. ces. in.
1782

Wills

Warewick = Man.
The ...
Armedstead - Man. Cont.
1762.
...

239. Wills -
John Beal -

Sub G B 7
150 Wills, Edward,
Joseph Vick & Jos. J.
Henry B. 178

Sub G B 5
288 Wills, The Laurence,
Johnson ap 21, Speed 177

Sub. G. B 7.
95 Wills Speed 1774,

Soh G.B. 5 - - -

360 will of Thos. Talcott - am given to ex.
and Math wills, Henry Cott + John Ballen -
- Henry - ag - Chatham, Ichell,
- Bago - Math wills 1771

G.B. 9. Soh.

258 Math wills. Abrah. Mitchell
- on 11/1/17 - John J. Mitchell
- am Pope 1783

G.B. 6 - Soh.

484. John Speed to Math wills 1777.

Soh. G.B. 6

1775

412 John J. Mitchell to Math wills

2 of w G.B. 3k

523 - 1722 - Names to Math wills -
land w. Phillip Pardoe and Regd of - and Ex. neck
88a - at 1/2 a lot to Robt Lawrence in 1642 - by
2d Lawrence to 10th Washbourne - by 2d & W + T -
2d Washbourne to 11th his dau who mar. John
Mittell + by 2d Mittell to 12th Phillip Pardoe, 2d Pardoe
died without a w. 11th descended to Phillip his son +
2d Phillip 12th - 13th was at descent to his son
Phillip 14th - also died in his minority, descended
to 15th - names to 16th only 11th + 12th
1st Law + am Baker, John Gray.

57 w. D 13th 2
 Math with - 1/2 P 1a - 1/2 P 2a
 bel 1-2 - 1696/7
 Rich. am. Jaz F.H. 11 - 115 -

9-145

2-8-1753 bet John Bellen of Solih + Ruth Cas. His Widow
 & - 132^{1/2}a Beaver D. Sec. - Manor.
 of 460a - R. B. 1/4 = Isaac Re...
 Gummer,
 Jas Gardner wife Eliza Rel. D.

2211 - same as D & P land. I am Sashway ~~Sash~~ of Sash
 Jane Sashway 1730

... 17 ... 19 ... 18 ... 17 ... 16 ... 15 ... 14 ... 13 ... 12 ... 11 ... 10 ... 9 ... 8 ... 7 ... 6 ... 5 ... 4 ... 3 ... 2 ... 1 ...

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... of 1700 + Math ...
... + Concord +
... of 1200 - near
... John ...
The woodshed ...
... 1700 ...

9-5-23 - 2-22-1722 let in for a late of
9 of us to both wills of same Co. 5-5-23 -
T Phillip Pardee died aged 70 on Laurens St
88a. at 7 o'clock at night. just left Lawrence
in 1642. & 1722 law & 1722 law
and 1722 law of S. W. T. to his daughter - 1722
1722 - 1722 T. Phillip Pardee dying without will to his son
1722 - 1722 2. 1722 - 1722 - 1722 - 1722

his minority, as above with some lawfully described
the and her left situation of the good
and saw Parker was, I think, in G. ...
Ref 35-5

Mathew Wills.

Will of Mathew Wills: of sound and disposing mind, but far advanced in years:- son William Wills the plantation I bought of Dempsey Johnson, being the plantation on which he now lives; son John the land bought of Albridgeton Jones, Simon Murfee and William Lawrence, called Turkey Island and one fourth part of fishery and land adjoining, which John Rochell and myself bought of Baker and Cole on Chowan River, opposite the mouth of the Meherrin River; to grandson Thomas Wills the son of my son Thomas dead,, adjoining the land of Abraham Mitchell dead. at Nottoway River and Henry Briggs, subject however to the use of his mother Peggy Wills, the widow of my said son; son James Wills the Mansion House and plantation; to son-in-law James Edwards; daughter Elizabeth Vaughan; daughter Catherine; daughter Charity Vaughan; Daughter Temperance H. Wills; grandchildren, Phereby, Betsey and Solomon Pope; daughter Ann; grandson Newitt Edwards; daughter Temperance H. Wills; land bought from Albridgeton Jones and Samuel Browne to be sold and distributed to all the children by my last wife and their descendants and descendants of those that are dead; nephew Burwell Murfee, guardian of my grandson Thomas Wills; grandson Anthony Wills, guardian to my grand children; the children of James Edwards by Patsey his wife; William Lawrence the guardian of my grandchildren, Phereby, Betsey and Solomon Pope. Executor, Jacob Darden.

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Wills

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William and Mary Quarterly, vol. 24, p. 200-1.

This is an error; they were the great-grandparents, for a study of the records will show that he was the grandson of the Thomas Wills who came to Isle of Wight with brothers presumably, Mathew and Francis Wills of Warwick County. The Carys came at about the same time and the two families are identified with each other for many years, as indicated by their being witnesses etc. on their court transactions. It will be observed that James Gary Jr. and Sr. were witnesses on the will of Francis Wills, with from whom descent is proven. The loss of the Warwick County records, with the will of Miles Wills, prohibits any documentary proof that the Isle of Wight Wills are his descendants, but there is not an account of the family given anywhere, in which is not believed and accepted. Dr. Lyon G. Tyler in his magnificent address on "Yorktown and its Memories" delivered in 1894 ----- in mentioning that Col. John Searsbrook married Mary the daughter of Capt. Nicholas Martian, said he was the ancestor of Gen. John Searsbrook Wills of the American Revolution. John Searsbrook Wills was one of the most distinguished persons born in Isle of Wight, etc.

See Times Dispatch, Sunday July 6, 1914.

**Mathew Wills of
Warwick and Isle of Wight.**

Mathew seemed to have been the first of the Warwick County
wills to have bought land in Isle of Wight.

Nov. 16, 1721. Ind. bet. Elizabeth Whitaker of Warwick Co and
Ex. of the last will and testament of William Amos late of I. of
Wight and Mathew Wills of Warwick County, for divers good causes
and considerations and 30th a tract of 12 A. belonging to the sd.
Amos near the mouth of Spring Branch, adjoining John Brantley,
son of Phillip, Thomas Wood deed, Lawnes Ck., Brantleys Spring
Branch.

Wit. Nathaniel Jones, Richard Whitaker.
Isle of Wight Great Book, p. 452.

Feb. 22, 1722. Ind. bet. William Homes, late of I. of W. and
Mathew Wills of the same County, for five shillings, a T. of
88 A. of which Phillip Pardoe died seized, being part of a patent
of 200 A. granted Robert Lawrence in 1642 and by sd. Lawrence to
Daniel Washburn and by the sd. Washburnes last will and testament
to his daughter Mary the wife of John Niblett and sold by sd. Nib-
letts to Pardoe, dying without will to his son Phillip Pardoe, sd.
Phillip dying in his minority to asd. William Homes the only
heir left.

Wit. Lawrence Baker, William Baker, John Gray.
Great Bk. p. 523.

Mathew Wills was a vestryman for St. Lukes in 1724. He evident-
ly did not make his home in this County very long, for no will or
administration of his estate is to be found in the Isle of Wight
records. He was security in Warwick County with Miles Cary for
Henry Seabrook to become Sheriff on July 6, 1749.

Tyler's Quarterly, Vol. 6, p. 209.

This Mathew was the brother of Francis Wills as shown by their
affiliations in the records. Francis Wills named his second son
Mathew, who died in Southampton.

Tarnes

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151 w

1720

U G B. 1810-13

ca 115

G 181-

20X w.

17-216. 12.25-1793 let Jas

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Co + 1 of S 30 E 25a

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merit in Robert signed Jas + chas
Pna. Greng So J. S Wills In

Jas Wills Sr
Anchut - Nelson
B
D
M
Mildred

1825
Callett = Belinda Peters
Wiles H. = Elij "
Leary Merrill = Cal Jas Cahill Heggenbushian
Lawrence = Max
Mary = Elij Heel
Nancy = Dabney Phillips 1812
John = Sally Recker
Rebecca = James Martin
Jas Jr = Elij Waveret
Judith = Ind Thompson

may Jas Wills
J. y W.

John Will

Miles

dogw 1752
8-476 - Miles wills S. 1st #27

warwick series 200 24 - 32
Eliza wills wid of Capt
low m will
archives

12-10-1793 dogw.
17-170 Mills Wills to Tho King
LT # 66 for 30£ with all
horses & ap. There to belonging 12-10-1793
1.1 Tho Purdie, Jas Pitt

O.B. 1803-6

1-5-1775 son of - Sore child Miles wills
177 child - Henry S. Presella, Pitt & Miles wills

-07 Henry S. wills, Presella Pitt - Wills child
31803-0 Miles wills aged 11 - W. Sore 205 -

T. Q.

11-10-1755 John + Mary wills -
Tho B. 11-10-1755 -
Miles B. 11-27-1757

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bills see of these bills - to the child
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it were in the case of the appearance - to
more much again bills of
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Said Indy. 1-5-175 2

2 of W.B. 6-312

Warwick Papers

39. Wells + w. Hamrah = tree of
of Jim = cashbook side of the book re
El. ac Wells + w. Mary Jim eat of.

David version 1902

Jim's cashbook rem. run.

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1 - 0 ... 2 - 0 1. 10. ... 10.

Wells + Thompson lot #

is 4 ... #66

with Thompson, Joe Pitt

.....

197 - 539 439 10

2 Feb 17 p 170

Thompson's side 12 = 75

Thompson 40 f. lot # 66

with Thompson, Joe Pitt

1 - 6 1794

Wills w.

Miles, Gary of D of W - 11-30-1819
6-4 1821 - Sister Eliza S. wife
of Nath Wills - gr-father Miles Wills
died. father Josiah. Gary died
w.t. Wm Goddard, Rich White.
Wm Wills Rogers (18 Ed) p 29

Wills.

Hannah dau of Lt of John S. Ashworth +
wife Mary Martine dau of Richard M.
= 'at 1692 ~~was~~ Capt M. Wills, son
of Emanuel Wills + Elizabeth Cary his wife
of Bristol Eng. Capt M. Wills + Hannah
Ashworth his wife are believed to have
been the parents of Gen. John S. Wills
of the A. Rev who died 1894.
Wm + M. Q. Vol. 24-200-1

64-45-
66 1827- Purdee owned wife inherited from
Father T. W. King - sold King
in 1793 by Mills Wills.

67

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64 or 65
Joe. ... John Blair

8-4-8

16-75-

S.H. The Wills = Clara Gray
6-13-1771

1816

Wills

See +

Martha Richards - G. 1700

3 h Q. 228.

Wills

The Wills with
Betty Gray.

6-13-1771

V.P 551

S.H.

S.H. G 39

222. Ruth Richards. The Wills - 1771.

S.H. G 35 -

400. P. of John Lee and The Wills -

is dead - at no what. | 1771

242. Sub. Q. 107

Jos. Bell and family
Wells of ...
 + ... Daves. - ...

The work was done in the
the month of June 1850
11. 1750
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W 100 - 320

The above - (2) 5-430
on the road, ...
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Fig-Combe Co. N. C.

2-8-1761 born Willm. - son Willis the plan-
et of my. at 1. Richard Wells of 4000 Ben
Willm., son Thomas B. - son, et al.
- James Mary, 6 live. C. 15. m. - wife Mary
C. 15. Ben Richard & Joe B. m.

242 Sub. Q. 137

Joe Hill appd 2, 1850 of 18
Wills of W. L. Hill - 1850
+ John D. Hill - 1850

The same - 1850
18. 1750
W. L. Hill - 326

The same - 1850
18. 1750
W. L. Hill - 326

Page 20. 11 C

4-8-1761 Thomas Hill - 1850
of my. Hill Richard Hill of 4000
Hill, John Thomas Barnes Hill, 1850
W. L. Hill - 1850
C. Hill - 1850
John Scott 4-8-1761 9-1766
Jas. Tarnel. Line Savage

Sol. B. 5

...ing will be ...

Top of page 316.

To Tho. Wills of Warwick Co
Rev. to Jane Seemanna, Rev to
Archibald & Colin Wills sons of
ed Tho - Rev to son Archibald
Campbell will of Colin Campbell
I. 21 - 1780
Seemay R. 1778-1783. p 139.

Wills

...
for natural & brotherly love

1781

B 15-1

Thomas Wells

1764
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the above mentioned matter.

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+ w Martha + w m w. 115 258.0
1929 Shad. Coll - The Fulton
Jas Giffen, Eddy Edwards, Harner
Jas Jones, Jeremiah Joyner
Anthony w. 115 8 - 9 - 1815 -

7- 450 - 2-10-1791 Lt Solomon
Worrell + w Reb + w m w. 115 of 258
as of 1st + w m w. 115 for 258
Cypress Ave - 769 on Monah guff
With Solomon - 6 - 6 - 1815 B7
Bourne's new line - 1 - 1 - 1815
Arthur 12... by 2d Worrell wh
he Lt of agent Johnson
w m g m B. G. Adams, as Bourne
Savoy Joyner Central, 1815

Seth

-80 p 22
at his death of April 1972

p. 22. Dof J 1st to Jas. H.
with + Eliza B. 1772

C. H. John.

He has been very well known
as having compiled the history of
the county since 1811-1908.
He is remembered as being a
man of great ability, who was
very well known to the Co. for this

purpose

and he has been an excellent
the name of 152 in the Co. and
in the Co. for the Co.

WILL OF WILLIAM WILLS

In the name of God Amen. I, William Wills of the County of Southampton of Virginia, being sick in body but of sound mind and memory do think proper to make this writing as and for my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say:

Item: I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Klizabeth Wills \$100 in money to put to what use she may think proper, I also lend unto my beloved wife for and during her natural life and no longer the following property namely the plantation I now live on together with all the land lying on the northeast side of the Cypress Swamp together with the following slaves: one man Will, one ditto Bob, one woman Fabitha and one girl Hannah with her choice of my horses, one Jersey waggon, one harness, one cart and wheels and geir of her choice, two cows and calves, two ewes and lambs of her choice, all the hogs that fed at the pen over the Branch on the north side of the plantation also still pot cap and worm and tub with my mill and presses and sixty cider barrells, two feather beds and furniture of her choice, one desk, one beaufat and its contents, one half dozen Windsor chairs, one half dozen black walnut chairs, three tables of her choice, one looking glass, one loom and geir, one Woblen wheels and cards of her choice, two iron pots and hook and Dutch oven of her choice, all of which I lend to my wife except the \$100 and I give her to dispose of as she may think best. I also give her 80 barrells of corn.

Item: I give and bequeath to my grandson William Wills all my land and plantation I have lent my wife at her death, also one negro man Will to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my grandson Mathew Wills the land and plantation that his deceased father lived on together with a certain portion of my land adjoining it running up a certain Branch to the Quaker path so called and thence a straight line to strike Thomas Peltow's land one hundred and 50 yards, the corner of the long field line (so called) to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my grandson Thomas Joyner son of Mathew Joyner all the rest of my land not otherwise disposed of to him and his heirs forever.

Item: My will and desire is that the rest of my property that is not heretofore given nor lent so soon as convenient after my death be sold by my executor and the money arriving from said sale to be equally divided between all my then living grandchildren except those three whom I have given my land to, th them and their heirs forever. I also wish the property I have lent to my wife (except the land and one negro Will) to be sold at her death and the neat proceeds to be divided among

Wills.

April 9, 1723. Indenture between John Drew of the County of Surry and Francis Wills of the County of Warwick for 5 shillings a tract of 320 A. on the south side of the Main Blackwater Swamp, being a patent granted said drew in Nov. 13, 1713.
Wit. Thomas Wills, Jr., William Baker, Mathew Wills.
Released for 21 pounds and 10 shillings.
Isle of Wight Great Book, p. 536.

Mathew Wills, Francis Wills and Lawrence Baker, the witnesses on the will of Richard Gray. Oct. 21, 1722.
Isle of Wight Great Book, page 126.

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william wills mar. Mary Clarke. Dec. 14, 1786.
Security; Mathew wills, S. Kello.
Minister's returns, Dec. 25, 1786.
" Southampton Marriage register, p. 49.

william wills mar. Mrs. Elizabeth Turner, Dec. 9, 1816
Security, John wills, A. Middleton. p. 881.

So far it has been impossible to establish the parentage
of Mary Benn Clarke. She is named in the will of John
Clark of I. of W., as his niece, and her mother's name
was Prudence, but beyond this I have been unable so far
to learn a thing. S. A. C.

Wills

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Thuranna Co.

9-14-1782; 10-1782 100 100

Two Math Wills - 100

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S. King. T. D. Vol XI p 64

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1804.

Strip 786

to B. 12.

Est of Tho Flint net by
Chas Roundtree + Eliza his
wife Exr.

Ex by Willis Wills,

att. W. Reynolds for

Robt R. Reader. 2-6-1804

Willis Wills - will Sept 14, 1782. Pro.
Oct 1782. - To his brother Elias Wills
509 a of land in ... County, brother
Matthew Wills. To daughter Elizabeth Wills
3 negroes. To daughter Rebecca ... 3 ...
Son Elias Wills under age - I appoint my
brother Elias Wills & my nephew Benjamin

Wills Exr.
W. H. Ben Weaver
Thomas Breunin
S. King.

Johnama C. Wills

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Wiles (wells) Roger Wiles sheweth that
The Elbow in his death bed gave ye dy. son
Zacharias Wells a Cow 1681

2 of w + D B I Pg 481

Zacharias Wells, wife Dorothy,
son Joseph, dau Mary, dau Sarah
son Moses, dau Ann, daughter
Jos. Smith & son & Joseph western to
divide same. May 14, 1718

Ralph Juggell
Jos Weston

2 of w + D B 2. Pg 641

Zacharias Wells - wife Dorothy
Wells, son Joseph & his wife Mary
Wells, dau Mary, Sarah & son

Joseph Smith
son Weston

May 17. 1718

Joseph "

2 of w. Bk II - 640

1718 1st of Joseph Wells
Dec 20 1741. W. B 4 - 389

Joseph
Lawrence
Parker

Joe writes: of my past - wife Nancy - dau
of a to ... any to John
I was ... perveringer, - John & wife
ex. ... her care; my son Joe
... D ... Aug 7 - 1741
... Bullard 12-28 1741
WB 4-381

Joe writes ages 12-28-1741
12-28-9" - ... away, Tho ...
... Buldian Dec 1-23-17
WB 4-32

4-380 626-1732 Ed Phillips Southall + wife B ...
C of Chas C to ... Wills of P Geo. 120 L
Q T. 630 a long ... land ...
him by will - ... ch. etc
Belly Southalls rd 1 second -

WBk 13

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Success

W. B. Wills Wills of A of W. 175 ✓

Geo Bryant = Sarah
Wills relict of John Wills.
764 03 11

7 - W - (1) - 266.

Wm. W. W. W.
in 1794 leaving his watch etc to
relict Ann & Hannah.
Wade married 1804.

? Math Wesley 24

DP 18 1796 - Jas Wills (Ann (Nancy))
72 sold lots in Sum. heretofore rel. to
Wm. G. G.

18-141. Jas. Wills of John Seaver &
The Yeregers. 1797.

18-387 John Wills of Territory of U.S. D.C.
of House Chas. appt Jas. Wills atty
lead at Cincinnati 2-18-1799

17-143. Jas Wills wife Chas. in 1793

W.B. 7 - pg 300-
John Wills - son Nathaniel Wills
brother Joseph Wills, sister Melly
Richard, niece Martha Wills,
Wills Wills brother.
Wd. Wills Wills
Thos. Wills
Wm. - vol. 8 - 52
Apr. 23 - 1770
Oct 4 - 1770

Prudence Wills renounces will of
John Wills - Jan 3, - 1770
vol. 8 - 72.

Matthew Wills - 217 - pg 386, - 1812
 son of James, gr-son Tho. Wills
 son of Tho. Reed - wife Peggy, son-
 in-law James Edwards, sons Elizabeth
 Vaughan, Catherine, Wills, Charles
 Vaughan, Temperance H. Wills, + anti-
 Wills. gr-children Phoebe Pope,
 Betsy Pope, + Solomon Pope, gr-son
 Newell Edwards - Berwell wife
 is to be Tho. Wills' guardian, gr-son
 Anthony Wills is to be a guardian
 to gr-children - the children of James
 Edwards by Patsy, her wife.
 son Lawrence guardian of Pope's children
 Jacob Darden Executor

wit
 Samuel Lawrence
 ✓ Muriel
 Willie
 Eliza Darden

Feb. 15-1810

Mar. 21, 1814

S. Hampton Co.

Zacharias Wills - wife Dowlky
Wills, son Joseph Wills, son Isaac
Wills, Jane, Mary, Sarah + Ann

Joseph Smith
Corn Weston

May 17. 1718

Joseph " 1 of W. Bk II - 640

Appraisal of Est of Joseph Wills
Dec. 28, 1741. W. Bk 4 - 389

Tho. Wills - sons Miles Wills,
John, + Josiah, wife Martha
Oct 18, 1750

Wit John Wills
Miles Palmer
Mary Palmer

Dec Apr 4, 1751

W Bk 5 - 326,

Tho. Wills - Bk 5 - 430

Booker Robt, ho. John, Mother's wife
Martha Wills - To Geo Wills son of
Robt Wills
Dec. 6 - 1750

Ex John Washup, Jane Arthur + com. Rodden,
Dec. June 4 - 1752

with a list - Blk 10-405-
 apr 9 - 19
 19-11-78

James Wells - page 549 - Blk 17,
 The,
 1854
 17, 186 -

554.
 Harry
 Co. Aug

Edith Wills - Bk 2 - 405 -

Son-in-law Tho. R. Wills, wife

Emma J. Wills. Apr 30 - 1878

W. K. - C. B. Wills

Pat. Aug 19 - 1878

Sara Wills

James Wills - page 549 - Bk 17,

Son James W, David C & Tho,

R. Wills - wife Eliza.

1854

Wm James Wills

Nov 17, 1862

T. A. Scrogger

James Wills.

James Wills - Bk 18 - p. 554.

Letter written, Harney Bluff - Signal
Station - Sale of Wight Co Aug 16, 1863

James Wills, Joe Wills, Aug. Knight & Wm. Green
W.B. 8 ap. est of John Wills 1771
P. 95
W.B. 8 Joe Wills, Joseph Wills, P. H. Reynolds, Brewer
P. 142 Godwin sec. for Ex of John Wills who
marries son Sam. 1765.

W.B. 16 Joe Wills, Bartho Lightfoot, John Butler
ap. est of Wm. Allmand 1772

W.B. 239 Joe Wills, Aug. Knight, Wm. Green 1773
ap. est of Giles West.

W.B. 314 Joe Wills, John Smelly, Joe. Bulgham ap of
John Reid 1774

W.B. 329 Joe Wills, Joe. Bulgham, Jonathan Godwin,
+ Joe. Peden app. P. H. Reynolds 1774

W.B. 361 Joe Wills
Sec. for John + Joe. Smelly Exs of Sarah Smelly 1775

W.B. 11 Joe Wills, Joe. Peden, John Applegate Exs est of
Dr. Wm. Green. 1779

W.B. 20 Joe Wills, Joe Peden, Wm. Modulen ap. est of
John Bridger. 1779.

W.B. 28 Joe Wills, Rich Parker, ex est of Giles West 1779

W.B. 58 Joe Wills, Brewer Godwin, Joe Peden. (93)

Form
D 1200

as built
inside

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D 17

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van Buchan

1874

3-33 Tho Wills and his
and his father's
Bureau 116.

2-337 Wills' case B. 116 - Whereas
Tho Wills left a remainder of the
1/4 - devised in - to the use &
benefit of my daughter Mary Taylor &
her husband Ken - to the
Wills' son for the life of
Taylor Wills' son that at the
his death pay 50£ of the money to
his brothers & sisters and the
of his brothers Taylor & his son Tho.
should be to perform and as it
will be decreed that the son
5-£ to be paid in my son to the sister
to be paid of the immediately after
the death of the Taylor 1770

WILLS FAMILY

Warwick File 200 24 - 32
 Eliza Wills, widow of Capt. Wm. Wills, Fomer of Atty. to
 Miles Wills 1698 Archives.

Wm. & Mary Quarterly Vol. 24 200 - 11
 Hannah, dau. of Lt. Col. John Scarbrook & wife, Mary Martlan, dau.
 of Nicholas M. about 1692 married Capt. Miles Wills, son of
 Emanuel Wills & Elizabeth Cary, his wife, of Bristol, England.
 Capt. M. Wills and Hannah, Scarbrook, his wife, are believed to
 have been the parents of Gen. John S. Wills of the American Revolu-
 tion, who died 1794.

Wm. & Mary Vol. 22 - 59 9-4- 1734
 Petition of Miles Wills to keep a ferry from his own landing on
 Mulberry Island in Warwick Vo., to his plant in Isle of Wight.

Math Wills, Gent., & Miles Cary, Gent. were appointed security for
 Henry Scarbrook, Gent. Sheriff Bond for 1,000 pounds sterling.

Angelica Wills to be summoned to appear at next Court to render
 account, as admr. of Emmanuel Wills 8-13-1747.
 T. J. VI 208 - 9.

In "The Cole family of Va. James Cole (Capt. b. 1725 d. 1767) -
 d. Louisa Co., Va. He married Mary Wills, (1723 - 1770) daughter of
Elias Wills and Mary Condon - Mary Wills Cole's will is filed in
 1770 in Goochland Co., Va. Their daughter, Mary Poscow Cole b.
 12-19-1747

8-7-1766 George Barclay (son of Patrick Barclay & Elizabeth
 Martin, dau. of Col. John Martin & Martha Purwell) Their daughter,
Lucy M. Barclay married John Wills 10, Nov. 1791. Their son, John
Wills married Martha Minor Charles 5-23-1816. Their son, Albert
Gallatin Wills married Martha C. Hatcher and their son, Albert G.
Wills was father of ()

James Cole b. 9-26-1751 son of Mary Wills and James Cole married
 Oct. 5, 1776 or 1777 Fanny Chiseman Wills, dau. of Elias Wills of
 Fluvanna Co. He owned land by patent at Wilmington - James Cole &
 wife, Fanny lived near Wilmington. Don't you think Mary Wills b.
 1723 d. 1767 married James Cole and Elias Wills b. 1730 - 1805 are
 brother and sister and children of Elias Wills and Mary Condon,
 married before 1701 ?

4-380 625 1752 Between Phillip Southall & wife, Betty of the
 County of Charles City & Lawrence Wills of Prince George \$120:
 Tract of 620 acres being the land his brother devised him by will -
 Hummersenk, etc. Betty Southall relative to be secured.

John George Wills - to Mary Crafford, dau. of John C., dec'd, to
 Eliza Crafford, dau. Chas. Crafford, Sr. To John Wilson, son of
 Josiah. To my sister, Alice Goff Gray. To my mother-in-law, Mary
 Wills. Brother, Wm. Wills.

Exrs: Josiah Wilson &
 Carter Crafford

8-29-1779

8-28-1781 Martha Taylor
 Mary Pevesash (?)
 Ref. Exr. adm. Jesse Gray Sec. Carter Crafford & Jas. Burner.

WILLS FAMILY

Sussex

C - 161 Willis Wills, Co. of Ky. & Ohio & wife, Elizabeth 1765.

Edgecombe Co., N.C.

A - 155 4-8-1761

Thomas Wills - son, Willis the Plant I bought of my brother,
 Richard Wills, of 400 acres. Son, Willibe, son, Thomas, Barnes Wills,
 Eldest son, William, dau. Mary, Olive, Cath'n - wife, Mary
 Exrs: Bro. Richard & Jas. Barnes

John Scott 4-8-1761

Jas. Farrel

Live Savage.

Fluvanna Co. Wills Copied from Tyler's Quarterly Vol. 11-64.

Willis Wills - will Sent. 14, 1782 Prud. Oct. 1782 To his brother,

Elias Wills 500 acres of land in Amelia Co., Brother Matthew Wills.

To dau., Eliza Wills 3 negroes. To dau., Rebecca Cole, 3 negroes.

Son, Elias Wills, under age. I appoint my brother, Elias Wills, & my
 nephew, Benjamin Dancy Wills Exrs.

Witness: Benj. Weaver

Thos. Freeman

S. King

Sussex

A 345 Willis Wills of the County of Warwick 1758

John George Wills - Iar. of Goward - wife, Mary, Son, Tom, son, Math.
 my Plant on Mulberry Island, County of Warwick, Son, Langley,

To all my gr. children. Exr. pd. Carter Crafford Jr., guardian,

To son, Langley & wife, Mary. To son, Math, Exr. pd. Nicholas

Faulcon, Jr. 1-27-1781 1-23-1782

Edmund Waller Josiah Harris Julia Cothe

Surry T. & D. 1778 - 1783.

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11-27-1765 Between Abraham Crowder & wife, Frances, & Jos. Crowder
 of the County of Amelia Paid to Elias Wills \$300: for Tract in
 Amelia on both sides Wentcomake Ck. even all the land the said Abra-
 ham & Frances Crowder have any claim to either by latent or deed on N.S.
 Wentcombe Ck. Brother Valthall line - Hosell line

Peter Jones has title both lines.

Nelson Lunford Comer - for ee Lorgan Tucker 400 acre - 1764 Improved
 & cultivated S. S. of Abraham & Jos.

Tr. Trid

John Booth & Thos. Linscomb

WILLS FAMILY

Capt. Miles Wills & Hannah Scarbrook, his wife were parents of John

1772

John Wills & wife, Martha, had sons:

John Scarbrook Wills

Thomas	"	
James	"	That become of this James?
Wills	"	
Emmanuel	"	
Benjamin	"	
Wills	"	
Micajah	"	
William	"	

John Wills & wife, Martha had daughters: Hannah Consta & Lydia Fitt

James Wills of Nelson Co. and his wife, Mildred had children:

Son, James, Jr.	Daus: Rebecca
" Catlett	Nancy
" Wills H.	Judith
" John	Lucy
" Lawrence	Mary or Polly

James Wills of Nelson Co., mentions wife, Mildred.
I have heard he was twice married.

Matthew Wills had a son, James 1814. S.H.

Children

Jas. Wills, Sr.	Catlett, married	Belinda Peters
Amherst &	Wills H.	" Eliz. "
Nelson Cos.	Lucy Nevill	" Col. Jas. Cabell Higgenbotham
b.	Lawrence	" Mary
d.	Mar. --	" Eliz. Hill
m. Mildred	Nancy	" Dabney Phillips 1812
	John	" Sally Tucker
	Rebecca	" Jas. Martin
	James, Jr.	" Eliz. Warwick
	Judith	" Jno. Thompson

Maj. Jas. Wills
Isle of Wight

Contd from letter written by Agnes McC. Wills as follows:
James Wills of Isle of Wight Co. was Major of Militia in 1780 and afterwards Sheriff of his County. He was a brother of Gen. John Scarbrook Wills and a son of John Wills & wife, Martha. The first U.S. Census of Isle of Wight Co. 1792 mentions a James Wills & family of six. Whom did he marry? A James Wills bought land in Amherst Co. 1787 - 1793.

WILLS FAMILY

One James Wills had a grant of land 300 acres in Buckingham Co. 1768. I think this is the James Wills from Isle of Wight Co. I know all about him after he came to Cumberland except whom he married, and where he came from to Amherst Co. records do not show. Buckingham early records burned.

James Wills, Sr. of Amherst and Nelson Counties.
James Wills, Sr. & wife, Mildred or Mary Children:

Catlett	married Belinda Peters 1825
Lucy Nevill	" Col. Jas. Cabell Higgenbotham
Willis H.	" (mygr. father) married Elizabeth Peters
Lawrence	" Mary -----
Mary	" Ezekiel Hill
Nancy	" Dabney Phillips 1812.
John	" Sallie Pucker
Rebecca	" James Martin
James, Jr.	" Elizabeth Warwick
Judith	" John Thompson

Thomas James Wills of Nelson was married twice last wife's name was Mildred or Mary - I have his will He died in 1820 or 1821.

Don't you think Catlett an unusual name unless he married a Catlett?

I am trying to find out where James Wills of Amherst & Nelson Counties came from. I think he came from Isle of Wight and is the son of John Wills & wife, Martha.

Nelson Co. was formed from Amherst 1807. That put James Wills in Nelson Co..

Miles Cary Wills & Wife, Hannah Scarbrook, had son, John (I do not know whether there were other children.)

John Wills wife, Martha had 9 sons:

John Scarbrook	Emmanuel
Thomas	Benjamin
James	Micajor
Wills	William & Miles or Mills.

The James Wills, son of John Wills & Martha is the James I am trying to find out if he died in Isle of Wight or moved from the County. He was Major of Militia in 1780 and was afterwards Sheriff of his county. Do you know names of any of the children of Jas. Wills of Isle of Wight? I gave the names of children of James of Nelson not in order as they came if Jas. Wills of Isle of Wight Co. did not leave a will he must have moved away. The Jas. Wills whose wife was named Ann, was he the same Jas. with wife, Chasey? Wouldn't Tax Books show if he had sold his land in Isle of Wight Co.? as taxes would stop Did he leave a will to show if he died in that Co.? I am an old lady and am anxious to find out where Jas. Wills of Amherst came from.

Agnes McC. Wills.

Zuni Farmer Dies in Crash

Ames Floyd Wills, Sr.,
Victim of Accident
In Isle of Wight

Zuni, June 17.—Ames Floyd Wills, Sr., 55, a farmer of the Zuni community, was killed late yesterday in an automobile-truck collision at Unity.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 3 p. m. at Tucker Swamp Baptist Church, of which he was a member, conducted by the Rev. L. E. Holzbach, assisted by the Rev. G. W. Kissinger, a former pastor. Burial will be in the church cemetery. The body will lie in state at the church from 12 noon until the hour of the funeral.

Wills is survived by two sons, A. F. Wills, Jr., of Norfolk, and A. H. Wills, of Zuni; two daughters, Mrs. F. W. Purviance of Boykins, and Miss Caroline Wills, of Zuni; three brothers, J. R. Wills, of Suffolk, M. M. Wills, Norfolk, and T. A. Wills, Windsor; three sisters, Mrs. W. R. Johnson, Mrs. W. D. Nelms, and Mrs. C. C. Robertson, all of Windsor; two grandchildren, and a number of nieces and nephews.

The Wills Family Record

Written by

Wm. Preston Wills, January

1870

Lawrence R. Kirby

Henry Gustafson

B. July 6, 1865
D. Feb. 17, 1909
m. Jan. 23, 1890
Res. Alameda Co., Ill.

George Theodore Wille
Mother
B. Sept. 8, 1866
D. Dec. 3, 1912

Grandfather

B. Feb. 17, 1822 Hancock Co., Ia.
D. May 3, 1904
m. June 21, 1857
Res. Alameda Co., Ill.

Henry Washington
Grandmother

B. July 27, 1832

Thomas Wille

Grandfather
B. May 17, 1837
D. Apr. 12, 1899
m. May 28, 1861
Res. Alameda Co., Ill.

Emma Johnson

Grandmother
B. June 20, 1841
D. Jan. 26, 1908

Michael Paulsen

B. 1800
D. Aug. 17, 1853
m.

Anna Maria Paulsen

B. 1798
D. June 11, 1885

Israel Wittington

Sarah Runbo

Wm. Frederick Wille

B. May 29, 1814
D. Nov. 29, 1870
m. Dec. 4, 1836

Catharine Sargent

B. Dec. 10, 1818
D. June 27, 1887

James Johnson

B. May 10, 1816
D. Jan. 13, 1866
m. Sept. 10, 1843

Philip Gjesby

James Miller

B. Dec. 8, 1798
D. Oct. 10, 1840
m. Feb. 5, 1811

James John Wille Goldwasser

B. June 10, 1797
D. Dec. 27, 1882

John Mills

B. Dec. 8, 1742
D. Apr. 7, 1823
m. May 2, 1770

Isaac Tillman

B. Nov. 10, 1743
D. Apr. 22, 1843

Of my ancestors, on either side, furthur back than my Grandfathers and Grandmothers I know but little. My Grandfather Wills's ancestors were originally from Wales to Ireland and from Ireland to this continent. My Grandfather Wills was born in Virginia and raised in Greenbrier County or Botetourt County. and was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. My Grandfather's name was John Wills, his brothers names were William, Andrew, James, and Mathew. James married a Kimbro, Andrew died I think in North Carolina, Mathew and William died in Montgomery County Kentucky.

My Grandfather's sisters were named Mary and Jane or Jennie. Mary married Samuel Baldwin, Jane married a Dunlap. James Wills Grandfather's brother's children, as far as I can reckolect, were Andrew, William, Harvey and Mathew Andrew married many years ago and lived in Montgomery Co. Kentucky. William married and settled in Green County, Indiana and died in 1833. I do not know whether Harvey and Mathew ever married or not.

My Grandfather's sister, Jane Dunlap's children were William and Alexander. William married and raised a family of children and lived in Montgomery County, Kentucky. Alexander never married, I don't know whether there were anymore brothers or sisters.

My Grandmother's maiden name was Jane Tillery and was raised, I think, in Botetourt County, Virginia. She had several sisters of whom I know but little. One of her sisters married a man by the name of Thomas Hill. He was a preacher of the old Hardshell or Ironsides Baptist and settled in Sevier County, Tennessee in an early day. She had only one brother John Tillery. I think he settled near Knoxville, Tenn.

My Grandfather's name on my Mother's side was ^{*}Samuel Baldwin. I think he was from Scotland and of his relatives I know but little. His wife's maiden name was Mary Wills, and was a sister of my Grandfather Wills. Thus it will be seen that my father and Mother were own cousins, and now right here I want to say that it is my advice never to marry a blood relation. I love and reverence my parents I think with that love that a child should but in this they certainly made a grand mistake, and as a result there ^{are} few of the offspring that have a constitution capable of enduring anything in the way of hardships. I myself, although my life has been spared until I am now (Jan. 5, 1870) near fifty-six years old, have always had poor health and I have noticed the offspring, all through my life, of persons of near blood kin have not been sturdy. I believe this is the universal opinion of all well informed persons.

*** My Grandfather Baldwin was a cousin of Robert Morris, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, from the State of Pennsylvania.

My Grandfather Wills emigrated to Ohio about the time that the State was admitted to the Union(1803) and settled on the waters of Eagle Creek, about three miles from it's mouth, in the County of Brown. In the settlement lived Wm. Kinkede, Jepthe Beasley, David Mears and the Martins etc. My Grandfather and Grandmother Wills were each, pious, religious people, members of the Presbyterian Church. Their children were Margaret, Elizabeth William, Tillery, Rebecka and James. My Aunt Margaret never married, She lived with my father and was to his children the same as our Mother. She died at his home on the 31st of August 1833. She was aged 60 years. My Grandmother Wills and my Grandfather Wills lived with my father after he married and lived each of them to a ripe old age, and both died at my father's house. My Grandfather died on the 7th of April 1823. Aged about 81 years. My Grandmother died April 23rd 1826 aged about the same as Grandfather.

My father lived in Brown County, Ohio at the time of the deaths of Grandfather and Grandmother.

My Uncle William Wills married Sarah Shepherd. Their children were Amiza, John, James, Susannah, Willis, Margaret Jane, Shepherd, Campbell and Sarah Mary. Amiza never married. John married Mary Devore, they had three children two girls and a son.

James married Mary Ellis. They had four or five children, three of them now living (Jan 1870) viz. Eliza (or Elizer) Mary and Wick. Susannah married a man named Purnell. They had one child, Susannah died many years ago and I think her daughter lives about Aberdeen Ohio. Willis married Hester Ann Bassett and died at Shelbyville Indiana in the Spring of 1866. They never had any children of their own but adopted a little daughter. Margaret Jane married a man by the name of Leedom. They have a large family of boys. They live in Adams County Ohio. Shepherd married a ---Mc Daniel, and has a large family and lives in Shelby County, Indiana, Campbell married ---Glaze, and lives in Adams County Ohio. They have one child living. Sarah Mary married James Moore, They have two children, a son and a daughter. They live in Shelbyville, Indiana.

My Uncle William Wills married his second wife in 1834, her name was Sarah McDaniels, and they had three children Andrew, Rachel and Thomas or William. Andrew died in the Union Army about 1863. William served through the war in Union Army and married after the war closed and lives in Indianapolis, Ind. Rachel married a man named Winterrood and lives in Shelby County, Indiana.

My Uncle Tillery Wills married Marg^aret McFadden. Their children, as far as I can reckon were Joseph Howe, Susannah, William Boyde, Jane, John, McFadden, Bartlett and Catharine. Joseph Howe married for his first wife a Hindman. They had several children. He was living 4 miles North

of Georgetown, Brown County, Ohio two years ago.* William Boyde married Jane Gilliland. They have 6 children viz 5 daughters and one son and I believe now live near Burlingame. (note by copyist, I am unable to make out the State it could be Kentucky or Tenn.) Jane married a man named ---Howard. He died some years ago. She has since remarried but I do not know the man's name. McFadden married a Purdom and lives in Georgetown, Ohio. They have two sons. John married but I do not know the name of his wife. He lives near Georgetown, Ohio and has a large family of children. Bartlett and Rebecka are dead.

My Aunt Elizabeth Wills married Robert Johnston. Their children were John Wills, James, Robert, Shepherd, Joseph, William and Tillery. John Wills never married and lives in LaSalle County, Illinois. James married ---Jacobs and he (James) died in 1831. Robert married and lived in Kentucky He died some years ago with the cholera. Shepherd married ---Graham and was living in Iowa the last I heard from him. Joseph married a widow. Her maiden name was McClung. They have one son and live in La Salle County Illinois. William is married and lives in Brown or Highland County Ohio. Tillery married some years ago. They have several children and live in La Salle County, Illinois. William^{and} Tillery Johnston were twins and my Aunt Elizabeth died a few hours after they were born.

My Aunt Rebecka married William Forsyth. Their child-

* Susannah married and died some years ago.

ren were Jane, Angeline, Isabella, Robert and William. Jane married Jeremiah Martin and by him had one child a son. Martin died about 1828 or 1829. Their child's name was Campbell. She again married Pleasant M. O'Haver in 1834. They had three children viz. William, Sirrilda and I have forgotten the name of the other, it was a daughter. She (Jane) died in Green County, Indiana about 1844 or 1845. Angeline married Campbell Howard and they have always lived near Ripley Ohio. They have several children. Robert married Lydia Moss. They were living in Clayton, Indiana, two years ago. Isabella married John Parker. They live near a place called Philadelphia in Indiana. They have a large family William married a Beam. She died some years ago. They never had any children to my knowledge. He again married Margaret Willis a widow, in 1867. They now live in Saybrook, McLean County, Ill. My Uncle Forsyth died before their son, ^{William} was born and my Aunt Rebecca was killed. She was thrown from a horse and died in 1834.

My Grandfather Baldwin Emigrated to Kentucky sometime between 1788 or 1789 and settled in Montgomery County and died soon after, leaving my Grandmother with seven children to raise. Their children were, Elizabeth, William, Johannah, Sarah, Thomas, Mary Jane and Charity. My Aunt Elizabeth married Robert Harrah. Their children were David Osborn, Evaline, William, Caroline, Samuel Baldwin, and Harvey. David Osborne married Rebecca Reeves in 1833

They live in Green County Indiana. They have no children. Evaline married James Armstrong. They had several children, (He, Armstrong) died some years ago. His widow lives with her children in Green County, Indiana. William died in 1834. Caroline married a man named Diserd. She had one son. She died a number of years ago. Samuel Baldwin married a widow named Mariah Hempstead. Her maiden name was Scott. They live in Worthington, Green County, Indiana and raised four children viz. three daughters, one son. Harvey died when a boy.

My Aunt Johannah married a man named George Kinkade. Their children were Samuel Baldwin, Elizabeth, Willis, Mary, Washington and Minerva. Elizabeth married ---- Buckner. Baldwin and Minerva married many years ago and of them I know but little. I think they live in Missouri. Willis died when a young man. Washington married his cousin Frankie Collins. They live in Missouri. I do not know the place nor how many children they have.

My Aunt Sarah married Richard Collins. They had two children, Frankie and Samuel R. ^{Richard Collins} died when Samuel R. was a baby. My Uncle Thomas married Elizabeth Cobb. They had two children, Samuel and Jesse. She, Uncle's wife died when the children were small and he never married again and is now the only one of my Uncles or Aunts that is living. He was alive and in good health on the 21st of April 1869 and was in his 83rd year. He lives with his brother-in-law Jesse Cobb, near Waco, Kentucky. His sons

are both dead. He has Two Grandchildren living viz.
Thomas and Evaline, children of his son Jesse.

My Aunt Charity married Dawson Haggard. Their ^{children} were
Samuel Baldwin, Nancy, David Dawson, Mary Jane, Sarah,
John William and Julia. Samuel Baldwin married a girl
named Mason. They have several children. They live in
Chicago Illinois. Nancy married Hiram Morris. They have
six children, three sons and three daughters. They live
in Bloomington, Illinois. David D. married ----Minter. She
had a daughter. She died some years ago. He again mar-
ried Elizabeth Ballard. They have a large family and live
in Bloomington Illinois. He is a Hardware Merchant.

Mary Jane married a widower named John G. Schrock.
They have three children, two sons and a daughter and now
live in Bloomington Ill. John W. married Eliza Watson
They have two children both sons. Julia married Lemuel
Mathew. He died about eight years ago. She has two child-
ren, sons. Sarah is still single and has delicate health.

My Uncle William Baldwin never married. He lived all
his days on the large farm that his Mother settled on, in
Montgomery County, Kentucky. After my Aunt Sarah Collins
became a widow she lived with him and managed his house-
hold. He became a man of wealth and had a great influence
in his community and was much esteemed by all who knew
him. He died, I think in August 1854 aged about 66 years.

My father James Wills was born on the 8th of December
1788. My mother Mary Jane Wills (formerly Mary Jane Bald-
win) was born on the 20th of June 1789. They were married

on the 5th of March 1811. My father was the youngest child, and after his marriage lived with my Grandfather on the farm on Eagle Creek until after I was born. On the 1st of March 1812, my oldest sister Margaret Ann was born & the 29th of May 1814 I was born. I was about six months old when Grandfather and Father sold the farm and moved into the village of Ripley. It was then called Stanton. My father kept the first Hotel ever kept in the village. While living there he was engaged in the business of buying and shipping produce to New Orleans. We lived in Ripley about two years and then moved into Champaign County Ohio and remained there about five years. We lived on the waters of Buck Creek about 4 miles from Urbana. On the 19th of September 1816 my second sister Sarah Ann was born. On the 18th of September ¹⁸¹⁹ my brother John Baldwin was born. In September or October 1821 my father moved back into Brown County. On the 29th of November 1821 my brother Thomas Milton was born. After my father returned to Brown County he lived on a farm on the waters of Red Oak Creek. On the 7th of April 1823 my Grandfather Wills died. On the 24th of May 1824 my brother James Johnston was born. In 1825 my father ^{bought} a farm (unimproved) on the headwaters of the East Fork of Eagle Creek near the County line, and I think moved on it in the fall of 1825. On the 25th of April 1827 my brother Mahlon Almada was born. On the 13th of October 1829 my brother Samuel Andrew Rankin was born.

On the 18th day of March¹⁸³² my sister Mary Jane was born. While living on the farm we cleared off about 75 or a 100 acres of heavy timbered land and put up comfortable log houses, both residence and barn. At length my father concluded to sell and move to a new country, so we sold the farm and moved to Indiana in the fall of 1832. We arrived at my Uncle^r Robert Harrah's in Green County Ind. on the 14th of November 1832, and until we could have time to find a place to suit us,, moved into log cabin near said Uncles and remained in it about two months.

While living there we were called upon to pass through the most trying affliction. Nearly all of the youngest members of the family had Scarlet Fever and my youngest sister who was then a baby had it very bad and it affected her hearing from which she never fully recovered, but this was not the worst, my sainted Mother was attacked with what would now be called pneumonia. After suffering about 2 weeks she died (without a murmur or word of complaint, with her soul full of the Saviour's love). ^{Often} in almost inaudible voice she would pray and on the Thursday before she died she had Father bring each child to her and she would ask Our Heavenly Father to be a Mother to her children and to guide and direct them in the right way and to sustain them by Grace through life and to guide and direct them so that she would again be permitted to meet them in Glory. Thus she committed us all into His hands before she died. After

that she became unconscious and remained so until Saturday evening following. One of our neighbors, a Baptist minister came over. Father got the Bible and Hymn Book. The preacher read a chapter and prayed and together they sang a little Hymn, one of Mother's favorites, to our utter astonishment Mother commenced to sing the hymn in a strong clear sweet voice, (for she was a good singer) They kneeled down to pray and when the Preacher finished Mother made the best prayer, I think ever I heard from the lips of mortal. It appeared that she was inspired, and I verily think she was. After she finished her prayer (for no one else prayed audibly) she commended her soul and body to the Lord and closed her eyes as if in a sweet calm gentle sleep with a peaceful smile on her face, without a struggle or a groan, and thus at about 8'clock on the 27th of December 1832 her Spirit left her body and went to join the Heavenly Hosts around God's Throne to sing praises to the lamb that was slain for us forever. The mortal part of mother rests in the cemetery in Nine Mile Prairie, in the Harrah Settlement, Green County Indiana, And now dear Mother thy teachings and admonitions and thy prayers have not been in vain. Some of those you loved so dear are now with thee.

A few days after Mother died, father moved on a farm that he purchased on the waters of Black Creek in Green County Indiana. On the 29th of June 1833 my brother

Thomas Milton died. On the 22nd of August 1833 my father married his second wife Elizabeth Swagerty, and on the 31st of August 1833 my Aunt Margaret Wills died. She was my father's maiden sister spoken of in a preceding page who always lived with him after his first marriage. She was one of the most devoted christians I ever knew, and died as she had lived trusting in her Saviour. We all loved her about the same as we did our mother.

Father lived on this farm a year, sold it and bought a farm about one and a half miles south of Carlisle in Sullivan County Indiana and moved on it in the fall of 1833. My stepmother had two children, they died in infancy. My oldest sister Margaret Ann was married on the 17th of October 1833 to Leoner B. O'Haver. They are living in Green Co. or Sullivan Co. Indiana. They never had any children.

I was married on the 4th of October¹⁸³⁶ to Catherine Swagerty, of my first wife's relatives I know but little. Her father was from Cocke County Tenn.. He emigrated to Indiana in 1835. Her mother died in the winter of 1836 or 1837. Her brothers and sisters as far as I know were Mary, Abraham, Elizabeth, Sarah, Susan, John Grenade, and Thomas Potter. I think probably they are all dead. Her father's name was John. I think her mother's name was Elizabeth and her maiden name was Potter. On the 17th day of May 1837 my son James Milton was born. I lived then on Shaker Prairie Sullivan County Ind. in a

log cabin, built out of round poles and covered with clapboard. After my son was born my wife's health ^{became} so bad that we were compelled to break up housekeeping and go to my Father's. We stayed there as long as she lived. On the 25th of April 1837 my stepmother died and my father was again left a widower. My wife continued to decline in health (for she died of Consumption). On the 27th of June, 1837 she died, aged 25 years and 8 months. Her suffering during her illness was severe, but she bore it with patience and fortitude. She was a kind and good companion. On the 4th of February 1838 my father married his 3rd wife Sarah Morris a widow with 4 children. On the 22nd of May 1840 my half sister Amizer Josephine was born. Soon after my father was taken sick with Bilious Fever (it was in the latter part of Sept.). He died the 13th of October 1840, aged 51 years 10 months and 5 days. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. In stature he was small, but very active and quick in thought and motion. He was industrious and a man of sterling qualities. I loved and admired him dearly. The remains of my beloved father and his second wife and my first wife all rest in the burying ground on the farm where he lived, 2 miles south of Carlisle Indiana. On the 21st of January 1841, I married my second wife Malinda Morris. She was a true helpmate and one of the best stepmothers for my child. We settled on the east side of the County on a farm. WE

prospered and did well, but her ^{health} declined in the winter of 1842. She was a young robust woman and bit fair to outlive me. On the 17th of March, ¹⁸⁴² she gave birth to a little son. From that time on she grew worse and died on the 3rd of April, 1842. She died about 9 o'clock in the evening. The attending Physcian said her death was due to childbirth. This was another of the most severe and trying ordeals that I ever had to pass through. In her death all of my ^{and happiness} bright visions again of connubial bliss, were blighted. Sleep on my dear companions, Peace to thy ashes, often since you left me have thy spirits been with me, in my dreams to cheer me on my way, ere long I shall expect to strike hands with thee, in Glory. The mortal Part of my wife Malinda rests in the Cemetery on the Bluffs of the Wabash River on the Indiana side about 6 miles from Merom. The little baby died a few days ~~after~~ after, it's mother, and rests by her side. After my wife died my sister Sarah Ann came to live with me and continued with me until the Spring of 1865.

In the winter of 1842 & 1843, I bought a farm in the southeast corner of Sullivan County and removed to it in the spring of 1843. It was a very good farm and I prospered but my constitution was breaking so I decided to give up farming.

In the summer of 1844 my brother James Johnston, (who had lived with me after my seckond marriage) began to de-

cline in health, and in the fall he went to Kentucky to our Uncle William Baldwins, to recruit his health and to go to school, (for he was anxious to complete his education) but his health continued to decline after he arrived there and on the morning of the 9th of January 1845 he died, aged 20 years, 8 months & 7 days. He was one of the most studious young men I ever knew, poss^{es}ed with a giant intellect and if his life had been spared would certainly have made his mark in the world. In the spring of 1847, having sold my farm, I moved to Merom, a village on the Bluffs of the Wabash River in Sullivan County, Ind. It was an unhealthy place, during the fall and winter of 1855 & 1856, I was unable to attend to my business. I sold my property and in July 1856 moved to Bloomington Ill. While I lived in Merom my brother John Baldwin married Cassandra Morris on the 10 of March 1850. She was a niece of my second wife. They now live in Heyworth, Mc Lean Co. Illinois. Their children are James Almada, John Wesley, William Baldwin, Emaline, Sarah Ann, Mary Jane, Aaron, Andrew, George Washington and Samuel Otha. They may have more. My brother Mahlon Almada was married on the 16th of March 1855 to Julia Catherine Wunenberg at Shelbyville Illinois and removed to Bloomington Illinois in the fall of 1855. (he had formerly lived in Bloomington, Ill. After my removal to Bloomington Ill, my health did not improve immediately so I did not go into business, however we

bought lots in the Durley Addition and built a very good two story ~~house~~ frame house and moved into it the summer of 1857. We lived in it for two years and sold it at a fine profit. In the Autumn, I think of 1857 my brother Samuel Andrew Rankin was married to Miss C. F. Smith in Iowa, he having emigrated to that State a few years previous. They have four children viz. Jehnathon, William, Charles and C. Frances. In the summer and fall of 1859 I engaged in the business of buying and selling nursery stock. In the spring of 1860 my brother Alamada died (on the 13th of May 1860) aged 33 years, 18 days. The ignorant and bigoted physician did not recognize his lung trouble. He left one little child, a little boy, born in 1859. I think about the 2nd of August. His name was Almada Preston. My brother on his death bed gave me his little child with the request that I adopt him and let it share in my affections as my own, which I did.

In the spring of 1859 my sister Mary Jane was married to Leonidas H. Earnheart. They are now living in Fairbury Illinois, where they have resided since their marriage. They now have four children Chauncey Burnett, William Preston, Lucien Thayre and Sarah Caroline. In the spring of 1860 after my brother Almada died I moved on the East-side of Bloomington and went into the nursery business. In the spring of 1861 we put out considerable nursery stock. On the 23 of May 1861 my son James Milton was married to Miss Emma Johnson. My son and his wife have

lived with me since the fall of 1862. On the 30th of August 1861 my dear little adopted child (my brother, ^{Alamada's} dying gift to me) died, aged 2 years and 29 days. I have not the language to express my love for this little Angel. He was the most intelligent child for his age that I ever saw. I had made great calculations on his future. He now sleeps by the side of his father and 2 little sisters in the Cemetery south of the City of Bloomington Ill. Ere long I expect to join those blessed ones on the sunny banks of Eternal Deliverance.

In the fall of 1862 my brother John moved to this country from Iowa, he having ^{formerly} ~~emigrated~~ from Indiana to that State. On the 28th of April 1862 my daughter-in-law gave birth to her first child Edgar Francis. ^{Wills} In the Spring of 1864 my brother Samuel Rankin Wills moved here from Iowa. In the spring of 1865 on April 9th my sister Sarah Ann was married to Samuel Saint John. They have no children. They live in Chenoa Illinois at this date Jan. 8th, 1870.

In the summer of 1865 I ~~paid~~ a visit to the land of my nativity, which I had not seen for 31 years. What a change had been wrought in that thirty one years is beyond my power to describe. All I can say is it appeared to me that everything had changed. I found but few people that I knew when a boy, suffice it to say however my visit was a pleasant one. While gone I visited the grave

of my dear mother in Indiana. On the 8th day of September my daughter- in-law's seckond child was born Carrie Permellia. In the Autumn of the same year I bought the land on which our nursery is now located(W. J. Lewis) formerly owned this land.

In the Spring of 1866 we planted a great amount of nursery stock and bought more land. In June we bought 3 acres in the Southeast corner of Dr. R. Nicoll's 40 acres and commenced work on the house in which we now live and moved into it on the 27th day of July 1866.

In August and September we built our barns and first Greenhouse. Then we built a tenant house and a seckond Greenhouse and put out a considerable amount of nursey stock. On the 3rd of September, in the middle of the night our barn was burned , horses and a great deal of other valuable property such as tools etc. ^{were burned} This was a heavy ^{loss}, but we have outlived it. In the month of September, ^{1869, I} commenced another barn and other improvements. On the 17th of Sept. 1869 my daughter- in- law's 3rd child Celestia May was born. On the 1st of October my sister- in- law died (Samuel Rankin Wills's wife, ~~C. France~~) and on the 2nd, my son and I attended her funeral at Burlington Iowa. She left four little children, ~~one~~ a baby.

In October we finished the barn. On the 2nd of December my brother Samuel Rankin Wills married his second wife Augusta Smith and was living in Burlington Iowa December 4th

1869.

Now I have written these lines, letting the ideas flow to the paper without much reflection, as fast as it would come to my mind and doubtless there may be some errors in it, but the main points are substantially correct, and to my son and his family and my brothers and sisters and relations and friends, is it dedicated. Thinking a genealogy of our family might be of interest to them and their posterity, and useful to them. Thus this record is left, by your Humble Servant, and may the Good Lord bless and take care of you all. Adieu.

William Preston Wills

P. S. I should have stated on page that my brother Alamada's wife continued to live with us after the death of her husband, until the Spring of 1862. Her relatives in Michigan having urged her, after his death to come there and reside with them. She finally consented, and went in the Spring of 1862. Since then she has married again, and moved to other parts of the country and we cannot ascertain where she is.

OFFICE OF CLERK CIRCUIT COURT

BOTETOURT COUNTY

FINCASTLE, VIRGINIA

In reference to a record of John Wills, we do not have a birth record, and it is something almost in the nature of a miracle to find a reference to our early records.

I find the marriage of James Wills to Lucy Gaunt, September 16, 1794; the marriage of Mary Wills to Samuel Baldwin, March 10, 1778.

Deeds are of record here to John Wills from James Ledgerwood conveying 134 acres, dated August 7, 1778; and one dated March 14, 1775 from Pattons Executors conveying to John Wills 190 acres on Craig Creek (lying between Botetourt and Greenbrier County, West Virginia). The western extremity of Botetourt County extends in Craig County which is between the two, before mentioned. John Wills and wife Jane, conveyed 190 acres to McCallum in 1773.

John Wills was listed in Capt. Mays Co. of Catawba Militia in 1783. He was the owner of 8 horses, 8 cattle and 2 slaves.

We have a record of his earmark (for cattle and pigs apparently) being recorded.

Dec. 26, 1770, John Wills conveyed personal property to John Wills Jr., the consideration recited as \$200 pounds

I would suggest that if you can find "Summers Annals of Southwest Virginia", in your Libr. You will find it of interest.

Robert Stoner,

Clerk of Botetourt Co.

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The following information was received from Katherine V. Hawk, Regent of Ripley Chapter, D. A. R. , March 6, 1946, and Rev. Irven Shudlick, Pastor of Ripley Presbyterian Church

Quote.

A portrait of Joseph H. Wills appears in the History of Brown County on page 487, also the following biographical sketch of his life may be found on page 258 under biographical sketch of his life in Green Township, Brown Co.

Joseph H. Wills, farmer P. O. Georgetown was born in Scott Township Dec. 2, 1810. He is a son of John T. Wills a native of Virginia, of Irish descent and Margaret (McFadden) Wills of German descent. He received a good education and in addition to farming, learned the trade of chairmaker under his father. He remained at home until 25 years of age, when he commenced farming for himself. After several changes in both occupation and location, he settled in Scott Township where he now owns a large farm.

On Oct. 1, 1833, he married Elizabeth Hindman, a native of Brown Co. and a daughter of Wm. Hindman. By this union 12 children were born, of whom five survive.

Mrs. Wills died in 1851 and in 1852 Mr. Wills married Hannah, daughter of Josiah Rohten. She was born in Kentucky in 1807. They were members of the Presbyterian

church in which he has occupied the offices of Trustee, Superintendent of Sabbath School and a member of Session. He is a staunch Republican, and for years prior to the rebellion, was an active factor of the Underground Railroad. His second marriage was without issue.

COPY OF CERTIFIED LETTER FROM BOTETOURT CO. VA.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT WE, Samuel Baldwin and William Wills are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth in the sum of fifty pounds for the payment whereof well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our and Each of our joint and several Heirs Extor's and adtor's firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals & dated ~~this~~ this 10th Day of March, 1770.

The condition of the above obligation is such that Whereas there is a marriage intended to be had & solemnized between the above bound Sam'l. Baldwin and Mary Wills, both of this Parish if Therefore there shall be no Lawful Cause to obstruct the sd. Marriage then this Obligation to be void.

Signed, Sealed & Delivered
In Presence of
David May

Samuel Baldwin (SEAL)
William Wills (SEAL)

---R. A. Stoner Clerk
-- -----

Circuit Court of Botetourt County, Virginia.

This is a copy of the abstract will of William Wills father of John Wills, the Revolutionary Soldier referred to in the first paragraph of the WILLS FAMILY RECORD.

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"Very far advanced in years", wife Elizabeth, and to her daughter Margaret's heirs; eldest son, John; son William; daughter Mary Baldwin; daughter Margaret; daughter Jane Dunlap; son James; son Mathew⁺.

Extrs; sons James and Mathew;

Written June 13, 1803

Probated September 23, 1805

Witnesses John Quisenberry, James Keys; Aaron Quisenberry.

Written June 13, 1803.

*note-In the Historical Register of Virginians in the Revolution, By Gwathmy on page 835

Wills, Wm, Montgomery Co., Kentucky. On pension list.

Wills. Wm. Botetourt, Co. Va.

comment. The first Wm. is the father of above will, the 2nd is his son.

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

July 2, 1946

Mrs. G. W. Kirby
1201 West River Boulevard
Wichita, (3) Kansas.

It appears in the record that a John Wills was in the 1st Virginia Regiment of the Revolutionary War.

The records also show that one Wm. Wills served in the Revolutionary War as a soldier of Virginia Infantry, rank and organization not further designated. His name appears on a record under the following heading: "A list of Soldiers of the Virginia Line on Continental Establishment who have received Certificates for the balance of their full pay agreeable to an Act of Assembly passed Nov. Session 1781", which shows that on 11 May 1784. one Ed Bland received the certificates in the sum of L.16 S.4 d.5.

During the Revolutionary War, Virginia embraced the territory now known as Kentucky.

Edward F. Witsell
Major General
The Adjutant General

*note- The Virginia State Libr, Richmond Va., sent me a photo-static copy of the Rejected Claim of John Wills from Fairfax County Commonwealth of Va.

I am the daughter of Carrie Permella Wills born on September, 8, 1865 in Bloomington, Ill. died January 3, 1912 in Bloomington, Illinois. Married on January 23, 1890 in Bloomington, Ill. to Ulysses Grant Courtney, born on July 6, 1865, died on Feb. 17, 1909, buried in Bloomington, Illinois.

Said Carrie Permella was the child of James Milton Wills born on May 17, 1837 in Shaker Prairie, Sullivan Co. Indiana died April 12, 1877 buried in Bloomington, Ill. married on May 23, 1861 to Emma (Emily) Johnson ^{born} June 20, 1841 in Zanesville, Ohio died Jan. 26, 1908, buried in Bloomington, Ill.

Said James Milton Wills was the child of Wm. Preston Wills born on May 29, 1814 on Eagle Creek, Brown Co. Ohio. died on November 29, 1870, buried in Bloomington, Ill. married to Catherine Swagerty on Oct. 4, 1836; who was born Oct. 10, 1813 in Cocke Co. Tenn. died on June 27, 1838, buried on a farm 2 miles south of Carlisle, Ind.

Said William ^{Wills} Preston was the child of James Wills born Dec. 8, 1788 in Eagle Creek, Brown Co. Ohio, died Oct. 13, 1840, married March 5, 1811 to Mary Jane Wills born June 10, 1789 in Brown Co. Ohio, died Dec. 27, 1832 buried in the Cemetery called Nine Mile Prairie in the Harrah Settlement Green County, Ind.

Said James Wills was the child of John Wills born December 8, 1742 in Green Brier or Botetourt Co. Va. died April 7, 1823 in Brown County, Ohio, married to Jane ^{Mch. 1746} Tillery born in Botetourt County, Virginia, died April 23, 1823 in Brown Co. Ohio.

James Milton Wills born May 17, 1837 (see page 10) in Shaker Prairie, Sullivan County, Indiana, died on April 12, 1877, in Aurora, Illinois. He is buried in Bloomington, Ill., where he lived. He married Emma (often called Emily) Johnson, born on June 20, 1841 in Lanesville, Ohio, died on January 26, 1908 in Freeport, Ill. he is buried in Bloomington, Ill. James Milton Wills was in the Nursery business, located on the East side of Bloomington, Ill. Emma Johnson was the daughter of Francis Johnson, ^{+Rehina Oglesby} who had one the first Flour Mills in McLean County, Ill. After the death of James Wills, Emma (his wife) married L. A. Hovey. This marriage was without issue. James Wills and Emma Wills had two children viz, Edgar Francis Wills and Carrie Permalia Wills.

Edgar Francis Wills was born on April 28, 1862 in Bloomington, Ill., married on October 25, 1883 to Ada Powles born on July 14, 1856 in Joliet, Ill., died on February 28, 1945 in Decatur, Ill. She was the daughter of Elizabeth Sowers and Daniel D. Powles of ---- Ohio. Edgar Francis Wills and family live in Decatur, Ill. He was the Chief of Police for many years but is now retired. Their children were, Bessie Elizabeth, Pearl Faye, and Phillip Edgar Francis Wills.

Bessie Elizabeth Wills was born on September 11, 1885, in Decatur, Ill., married on December 31, 1906 to Leo Wicl, a Tobacco Manufacturer, in Decatur, Ill., where they now live. (August 1, 1946). They have four

children viz. Leo, Edgar, Mary and Louise Michl.

Pearl Faye Wills second child of Edgar Francis and Ada Powles Wills was born on January 12. 1887 in Decatur, Ill. married on July 8, 1918 to George J. Bower of Tolona, Ill., where they now live. They have no children.

Phillip Edgar Francis Wills, third child of Edgar Francis and Ada Powles Wills, was born on October 9, 1891 in Decatur, Ill., married to Lura Lois Ater, born on May 2, 1920, died on May 6, 1925. They have two children, viz. Phyllis Lois, born January 28, 1921 and Phillip Joe Wills born on May 6, 1923.

Phyllis Lois Wills, daughter of Phillip Edgar F. Wills and Lois Ater Wills was married on January 5, 1945 to Harold G. Earle, a sergeant in the U. S. Army Air Force. They live at 101 $\frac{1}{2}$ West Main St. Lewestown, Montana.

Carrie Permelia Wills second child of James Milton and Emma Johnson Wills was born on September 8, 1865 in Bloomington, Ill., died on January 3, 1912 in Bloomington, Ill. married on January 23, 1890 at her home in Bloomington, Ill to Ulysses Grant Courtney, born July 6, 1865 in Bloomington Ill., died on February 17, 1909 in a railroad accident and is buried beside his wife in Bloomington, Ill., Their children are Corinne Rhea Courtney and Lelah Wills Courtney .

Corinne Rhea Courtney, born on January 28, 1893 in Amboy, Ill., was married to Dr. George Wightman Kirby on

OCTOBER 1, 1919 in St. Joseph, Michigan. Dr. G. W. Kirby is the son of Alice Nightman and William Sweetland Kirby, (both deceased). He was born on January 10, 1881 in Galesburg, Michigan. Dr. Kirby was a Captain in the Medical Corps and served with a surgical unit in France during World War I. He is a graduate of Rush Medical School and is a physician and surgeon in Wichita, Kansas where they live, 1201 West River Boulevard. The marriage is without issue. Dr. Kirby is the father of three children viz. Ruth Kirby Baumann (Mrs. Karl) living in Chicago, Ill. Robert Porter Kirby living in Valparaiso with his wife Dorothy Chesley Kirby and daughter Cynthia. Paul Kirby, (wife Edna May Bennet, and daughters Paula Ruth and Judith Ann, live in Eldorado, Kansas, where Paul Kirby is an associate of Arnold Kirby Mortuary.

Lelah Wills Courtney second child of Carrie Permelia Wills Courtney and Ulysses Grant Courtney was born on May 25, 1895 in Amboy, Ill., married in Chicago, Ill. on July 7, 1915 to William Leet Thompson son of Rosa and Robert Thompson of Bradford, Ill. Their two children are William Robert Thompson and Courtney Leet Thompson.

William Robert Thompson, eldest son of William Leet Thompson and Lelah Courtney Thompson was born on July 28, in Chicago, Ill., married on May 15, 1943 at Hollywood, California to Yvonne Estelle Norman, daughter of Ruth Turner and Kelsey Norman, an Attorney at Joplin, Missouri

where their daughter Yvonne was born. William Robert Thompson was a 1st. Lieut. in the U. S. Army Air Corps. He is now discharged from the service and they are living in Douglas Arizona, (982- 13th St.) where he is in business viz. The Foster Thompson Supply Company.

Courtney Leet Thompson, second son of Lelah Courtney and William Leet Thompson was born on February 21, 1918 in Bradford, Ill., married on August 15, 1941 in Wichita, Kansas to Mary Elizabeth Comley, daughter of Albert (deceased) and Theresa Lesson Comley. Mary Elizabeth (Marnie) was born on September 8, 1918 in Wichita, Kansas. They had two children viz. Courtney Thompson, Jr., born on February 19, 1943, died age twenty days. and James Courtney Thompson born on February 5, 1945. They live in Wichita, Kansas.

Lelah Courtney Thompson and William Leet Thompson were divorced. She again married Ralph Leonard Burke on September 16, 1933 in Kansas City, Missouri. Ralph Burke is the son of Mary Ainsworth and Dr. Charles L. Burke, (both deceased). He was born on May 29, 1885 in Argentine Kansas. Ralph Burke, has been associated with the Investor's Syndicate for many years. They made their home in Kansas City, Mo., for a few years and then they moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota at the request of ^{the} Main Office which is located there. They have recently moved to Colorado, where he is the Regional Manager of the Investor's Syndicate. Their address is 1912 North Nevada Ave. Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Said John Wills was the child of William Wills married
----- to Elizabeth----- lived in Montgomery Co., or Clark
Co., Kentucky. He probably died around June 1803.

*note a copy of this will was sent to me by Miss
Earle Dennis

CIRCUIT COURT BEDFORD COUNTY BEDFORD CO.

"Her Great, Great Great Grandfather, James Wills,
was probated in Nelson Co., Va. in 1821 & named the follow-
ing persons.

"My Grandson Jefferson L. Wills, son of my son
James Wills, Junior, deceased" "my Grandaughter Pamela
Smith, the wife of James Smith"; "My daughter, Rebecca
Martin wife of James Martin"; "My Grandaughter, Nancy
Williamson, the wife of Caleb Williamson" and her son
Montevill Williamson"; "My sons John, Lawrence and Catlett
Wills"; "My daughter Judith Thompson and Lucy Higgen-

botham and their husbands, John Thompson and Jos. Higgin-
botham"; "MY daughter Polly Hill"; "My son Willis Wills"

*note Miss Dennis descends from Judith Thompson
and would like to know the name of James' Wills wife, ap-
parently she was dead at the time the will was made, since
no mention is made of her. Also where he lived before
settling in Amherst Co., from which Nelson County was for-
med.

* Miss Dennis is in the Clerk of the Nelson Co.,
office.

Trevilians.

Lancaster County - 72

March - 11 - 1984

Mrs Lewis S Chapman -
Smithfield 61

Dear Mrs Chapman -

What would be your
charges to find out where James Wills
left sole of Wright Co. & feel sure he
left there after the Rev. war. I will tell
you all I know of him. He was major of
militia in 1780. and afterwards Sheriff of
his County. He was a brother of Gen John
Scarbrooke Wills and a son of John Wills
& wife Martha - The first U.S. census of
sole of Wright Co. 1782 mentions a James Wills
& family of six - Who did he marry?

A James Wills bought land in Amherst
Co. 1787 - 1792 - And James Wills had a grant of
land 300 acres in Buckingham Co. 1768
I think this is the James Wills from sole of
Wright Co. I know all about him after
he came to Amherst - except who he married -
and where he came to Amherst from -
records do not show - Buckingham
early records burned - Wouldn't tax books

show if he had sold his land in Dole of
Wright Co. as taxes would stop - did he have
a will - to show if he died in that County -

I am an old lady and I am anxious
to find out where James Wills of Amherst
came from - before I die - not that I
expect to do that any time soon -
Thanking you to let me hear from you

Very truly

Agnes M^cC. Wills -

Ms Gas 1.1.1. B.

I
Miles Cary Wills and wife Hannah Searsbrook had
son John (do not know whether there were other
children)

John Wills wife Martha

9 sons

John Searsbrook

Thomas

James +

Willis

Emanuel

Benjamin

Micahor

William

Miles (or Mills)

The James Wills son of John Wills + Martha
is the James I am trying to find out if
he died in Sole of Wright or moved from
the County - He was major of militia in 1780
and was afterwards Sheriff of his County

Do you know the names of any of the children of
James Wills of Sole of Wright or whether I gave the
names of children of James Wills of Nelson (not in order
as they came - If James Wills of Sole of Wright Co
did not leave a will - he must have moved away

The James Wills who wife was name Ann was he the
same James with wife Chacey?

James Wills of Amherst & Nelson County

James Wills Sr and wife Mildred or Mary
Children -

Catlett married Betinda Peters 1825

Wills H. " (my grand father) Elizabeth Peters

Lucy Nevill. M. Col. Jos. Cabell Higginbotham

Lawrence M. Mary

Mary M. Ezekiel Hill

Nancy M. Doherty Phillips 1812

John M. Sallie Rucker

Rebecca M. James Martin

James Jr M. Elizabeth Warewisk

Judith M. John Thompson

I know James Wills of Nelson was married twice
lost wife name was Mildred or Mary - I have his will
He died in 1820 - or 1821

Don't you think Catlett an unusual name, unless his
wife was a Catlett.

I am trying to find out where James Wills of
Amherst & Nelson County came from to that
County - I think he came from Isle of
Wight and is the son of John Wills & wife
Martha -

Nelson Co. formed from Amherst 1807
that put James Wills in Nelson

5415 Bryan Street
Dallas 6, Texas
August 14, 1947

Dear Mrs Reddy: -

Thanks for your reply in
regards to the Bernard line.
I shall enclose material I
had - and this from
Magna Charta I was hoping
to be able to connect -

I also noted your inquiry
in the Daughters of the
American Revolution Magazine.
Hope you get response -
Since you ~~are~~ think
the records you mention
will establish parentage
of Margaret Bernard

who married Col. George Carrington J.
I am enclosing my check for
\$10⁰⁰ —

I also had a reference — to Mrs. Thomas
Nelson Carter nee Agnes Atkinson Mayo —
her parents were Peter and Isabella
Burner Mayo — She is a member
of the Richmond Woman's Club —
Colonial Dames — U.S. of Confederation
the Virginia Historical Society — This
data gives what I have about Margaret
Bernard and John and Peter —

Have you any new light on the
Elias Wills? — will enclose what I
got from Amelia —

Ways In the Cole Family of Virginia I find
James Cole (Capt. br. 1725 d. 1767) d. Sarah Cole
married Mary Wills (1723-1770) daughter of
Elias Wills and Mary Condon — Mary
Wills Cole's wife is filed in 1770 in Gloucester Co. Va.
this daughter, Mary Roscoe Cole b. ~~1747~~
~~1747~~ b. 12/19/1747 m. (1) 8/9/1766 George
Barclay (son of Patrick Barclay & Elizabeth
Martin daughter of Col. John Martin & Martha
Burwell) — Their daughter Suey M.
Barclay married John Wills 10 Nov. 1791
their son John Wills mar. Martha Minor
Quarles 5/23/1816 — Their son Albert Gallatin
Wills married Martha C. Hallock and
their son Albert G. Wills was my
father. —

then. James Cole b. 9/26/1751 - son of
Mary Wills and James Cole m.
Oct. 5-1776 or 1777 James Chapman
Wills. da. of Elias Wills of Thermon
Co. - He owned land by patent at
Wilmington -- James Cole & his family
lived near Wilmington --

Don't you think Mary Wills b.
1723 - d. 1767 mrs. James Cole
and Elias Wills - b. 1730 - 1808
are brother and sister and children
of Elias Wills and Mary Condon
married before 1701?

Box 1713
Spartanburg, S. C.

Mr. R. E. Holland
Clerk's Office
Isle of Wight Co.
Isle of Wight, Va.

Dear Mr. Holland:

Your very nice letter and long enclosures are very welcome to me, and much appreciated. It is gratifying to write to a stranger and meet such a fine reception.

Briefly, my problem is this: Thomas Dixon died in Edgecombe Co. N. C. in 1790, leaving children and grandchildren (Sons Thomas Dixon, Jr., and William Dixon). The grandchildren were named Thomas Dixon, Hickman Dixon, and Nicholas Dixon. He had two daughters: Jemima Cohoon and Elizabeth Montgomery. Will was witnessed by Joseph Pitman, Thomas Wills, and Sally (X) Dixon (who seems to have been Sarah Sellars who married Thomas Dixon, Jr. in 1763.)

The early Dixons in Edgecombe were: William Dixon (1760), Thomas Dixon (1761), Joseph Dixon (1761), and an old man Retison Dixon in 1778 who also left a son Thomas Dixon.

The early Dixons in Halifax Co., N. C. were Elisha Dixon (1785), Nicholas Dixon (1760) and Jesse Dixon (1764) who appears to have wed Tobay Winter.

During this same period there were Cohoons (who were definitely my ancestors) in Edgecombe Co. by the name of Micajah Cohoon, John Cohoon, William Cohoon, Aquilla Cohoon, Robert Cohoon. Jemima Dixon married one of these (Micajah Cohoon according to family tradition). It is my present guess that somewhere along the line a bit earlier the Cohoons or the Dixon married into the Thomas family due to the names Micajah and Aquilla. (We already know that Mourning Dixon, dau. of Thomas Dixon, married John Crudup first, and next Micajah Thomas, Sr.)

Due to the many connections with families that lived first in Isle of Wight and Nansemond then later in Edgecombe, I feel sure that my Dixons and Cohoons are the same as those who were earlier in your area. Since the Nansemond records were burned, it is difficult to get information there, but I have been lucky enough to contact living Cohoons and get a limited amount of data which goes back to one Samuel Cohoon in 1691 living near Chuckatuck who appears to have married a Wilkison or Wilkinson.

I am at a loss as to the next step, but noticing the name Micajah Wills in Torrence's Index, and also noting that Thomas Wills was a witness of the Edgecombe Thomas Dixon will, I am enclosing three dollars to ask that you send me the following abstracts:

- x Joseph Wills 1741
- Thomas Wills 1751 will
- Miles Wills 1763
- ✓ John Wills 1770 will
- John Wills 1772 will
- ✓ Micajah Wills 1778 will
- Mary Wills 1788 will

I also note in Torrence that there is an inventory of Thomas Dickson dated 1764, and would appreciate an abstract. In the abstracts which you have already sent me, if I paid for a copy of one of these would there be names which you have not sent me? In other words, did you abstract all names in the data you sent me, or in the copy of the inventory, would it show who the buyers were which might possibly include members of the family? Frankly I am not sure that I have ever seen but one copy of an inventory, and as I recall, it merely lists a man's chattells and goods and the value thereof.

Frankly, Mr. Holland, there are so darn many Thomas Dixons that I hardly know where to turn.

If genealogy is not in your line, I would appreciate your suggesting to me the name of someone who might be able to help me. I am really quite excited about my search since it has only been in the past two weeks that I stumbled into two books (one being Boddie's Isle of Wight records...but it deals only with certain specific families and problems) which lead me to writing you.

Since it is stated that Nicholas Dixon is "of North Carolina" and since he married Rachel Beale, daughter of Benjamin Beale, it might be wise to check the Beale items shown in Torrence:

Benjamin Beal	1714	
"	"	1744 will
"	"	1786 will
Jacob	"	1795 will
Benjamin Beel	1713	will
William Beel		

It is my hope that the Beale or Beel items might mention grandsons in some way. It is quite possible that my Thomas Dixon could have been a son of the Nicholas Dixon who moved to North Carolina.

I certainly do appreciate your interest and assistance. If you find that what I have requested runs more than the money enclosed, please send me a bill for the difference. I do not expect something for nothing, and am eager to have the above information for my search.

Thank you very much.

Yours truly,



Alan T. Calhoun

Thomas
Wills
of
Newport
Parish

Leg.- son Miles; son John; son Josiah; wife Martha. Extrs: wife.
D. October 18, 1750 R. April 4, 1751
Wit: John Wills, Miles Milner, Mary Milner.
Will Book 5, page 326.

(John Wills married Martha Casey, daughter of Richard Casey.
Will Book 6, page 312.) John and Thomas are evidently the same.

Estate appraised by Arthur Applewhaite, Richard Reynolds, John
Smelley. Signed: Martha Wills.
R. October 3, 1751 Will Book 5, page 367.

Account of Estate, examined by John Applewhaite, Giles Driver.
Signed: William Richards. R. June 6, 1754.
Will Book 6, page 101.

Mrs. Martha Wills married William Richards. (Relict of Thomas
Wills.) D. 1754

Martha
Richards

Leg.- son Miles Wills; son John Wills, Jr; son Josiah Wills;
daughter Milley Richards. Extrs: sons Miles and John Wills, Jr.
D. August 24, 1762 R. March 3, 1768

Wit: Francis Milner, Samuel Morgan.
Will Book 7, page 504. (Appraised May 5, 1768. Will Book 7, page
508.

Miles
Wills

Estate Appraised by Richard Reynolds, John Smelley, Jr., Giles
Driver. Ordered July 7, 1763.
R. September 1, 1763 Will Book 7, page 304.

Marriage
Records:

(Martha Wills married Josiah Gray--daughter of Miles Wills.
Will Book 11, Page 135. (1796)

(Martha Wills married John Applewhaite--Aug 7, 1783
Surety: Mills Wills.

(Martha Wills married Thomas Everett--Parent Miles Wills.
Witness Francis Young, Jr. May 24, 1783.

John
Wills

Leg.-son Nathaniel, with reservation of bequest to my brother
Josiah Wills; sister Milly Richards; to my brothers daughter Martha
Wills; to brother Miles Wills. Extr: brother Josiah Wills.
D. April 23, 1770. R. October 4, 1770.
Wit: Richard West, Godheart Debruckle, Thomas Casey, William Casey.
Will Book 8, page 52.

John
Wills

Account of Estate: To cash paid Miles Wills, guardian to Milley
Richards. Examined by John Scarsbrook Wills and John Butler.
R. December 3, 1772. Will Book 8, page 198.

John
Wills

Of Newport Parish. Leg-wife Martha; son John Scarsbrook Wills; son
James Wills; son Thomas; son Emanuel; son Benjamin; son Mills (Miles
?); son Micajah; son William. Captain Brewer Godwin to have the
care of my sons, Emanuel, Benjamin and Mills Wills, to Hannah Godwin;
to Lydia Pitt. Extx., wife Martha Wills.
D. October 31, 1765 R. May 7, 1772
Wit: Macon Whitfield, Josiah Wills, Ann West
Security for Extx., Josiah Wills, James Wills, Pitt Reynolds, Brewer
Godwin.
Will Book 8, page 142.

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Martha Richards

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Wit: Francis Milner, Samuel Morgan.

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John Wills

Leg.-son Nathaniel, with reservation of bequest to my brother Josiah Wills; sister Milly Richards; to my brothers daughter Martha Wills; to brother Miles Wills. Extr: brother Josiah Wills.

B. April 23, 1770. R. October 4, 1770.

Wit: Richard West, Godheart Debruckle, Thomas Casey, William Casey. Will Book 8, page 52.

John Wills

Account of Estate: To cash paid Miles Wills, guardian to Milley Richards. Examined by John Scarsbrook Wills and John Butler. R. December 3, 1772. Will Book 8, page 198.

John Wills

Of Newport Parish. Leg-wife Martha; son John Scarsbrook Wills; son James Wills; son Thomas; son Emanuel; son Benjamin; son Mills (Miles ?); son Micajah; son William. Captain Brewer Godwin to have the care of my sons, Emanusa, Benjamin and Mills Wills, to Hannah Godwin; to Lydia Pitt. Extz., wife Martha Wills.

D. October 31, 1765 R. May 7, 1772

Wit: Macon Whitfield, Josiah Wills, Ann West

Security for Extz., Josiah Wills, James Wills, Pitt Reynolds, Brewer Godwin. Will Book 8, page 142.

Micajah Wills

Of Newport Parish: Leg.-wife Mary not to give any part of my estate to John, the son of Miles Taylor; nephew miles son of brother Miles Wills; to Peggy, daughter of Miles Taylor; to Richard, son of Miles Taylor; to Peyton, son of Francis Young; to Frances daughter of Francis Young; to John Scarsbrook, son of my brother John Scarsbrook Wills; to Miles, son of Miles Taylor. Exs.: friends Francis Young, Goodrich Wilson and Jesse Atkinson.

D. September 26, 1777 R. March 5, 1778

Wit: Francis Young, Henry Baker, Harrison Whitfield.

Mary Wills qualified as Extr. Security John Taylor, and Francis Young. Will Book 8, page 48.

Micajah Wills Appraised by Thomas Peirce, Daniel Barraud, Robert Taylor.
R. May 7, 1778 Will Book 8, page 489

William Wills Account of Estate: examined by Jesse Atkins and Josiah Wills.
Signed by Mary Wills and Bartholomew Lighfoot.
R. June 4, 1778. Will Book 8, page 492.

Mary Wills Leg.-Jenny, daughter of Mills Wills; Juely, daughter of Mills Wills;
Davis, son of Mills Wills; David, son of David Dick; Dickey, son
of Miles Taylor; James, son of Miles Taylor.
Ex., Mills Wills. D. November 16, 1784 R. June 5, 1788.
Wit. George Robertson, Ralph West Will Book 10, page 96.

Henry Lightfoot Leg.-estate to Mary Wills to maintain her children, Sharp and Polly,
at her death to my two children, Sharp and Polly, with reversion
of bequest to Sally Godwin Gray. Exs. Mary Wills and friend James
Gray. D. January 24, 1794 R. June 1, 1795
Security, Josiah Gray Will Book 10, page 328.

Thomas Dickson Inventory presented by Tristian Norsworthy R. July 5, 1764.
Names mentioned in Inventory are all purchasers of estate items.
Joseph Weston; Brewer Godwin; Thomas Parks; Trist. Norsworthy; Eliz.
King; Samuel Whitfield; Wm. Bagnall. Signed by Tristian Norsworthy.
Will Book 7, page 349.

Benjamin Beel Leg.- wife Martha; son Benjamin; daughter Mary; daughter Patience;
daughter Florence. Exs. wife and son Benjamin D. February 12, 1712/13
R. April 27, 1713
Wit: Thomas Dixon, Rich. Beele, Sol Horner, John Nevill.
Will Book 2, page 558.

Benjamin Beal Leg.-wife Sarah; daughter Sarah Godwin; son Benjamin; daughter
Mary; daughter Rachel Dixon; daughter Wilkinson; wife Sarah Beal.
Ex. son Benjamin. D. August 7, 1744 R. September 24, 1744.
Wit: Thomas Gale, John Chestnutt, John Garner.
Will Book 4, page 511.

Benjamin Beal Leg.-son Benjamin; daughter Mary Parker; daughter Honour Jordan;
son James Lawrence Beale; son Barney; wife Elizabeth; my younger
children, Barney, Lawrence, Sally, Rachel, Mary, Elizabeth and
Wilkinson Beal. Exs. wife and son James Beal.
D. March 1, 1786 R. December 7, 1786.

Jacob Beale son of William Beale William Beale: Of Newport Parish: wife Easter; son Jacob; son
William; son Richard; grandchildred, Thomas and Elizabeth Vaughan;
daughter Mary Joiner; daughter Priscilla Carr. Ex. son Jacob Beale
D. October 13, 1764 R. February 7, 1765
Wit: Edward Beaton, John Council, Thomas English, Jr.
Will Book 7, page 368.

Jacob Beal Leg.-son Demoy; son Jacob; daughter Deliah; wife Elizabeth.
Exs. Absolom Beal and Joseph Duck.
D. July 15, 1794 R. January 5, 1795
Wit: James Tallow, Robert Beal, Mills Beal, Jacob Johnson.
Security: Robert Beal Will Book 10, page 315.

BOX 1713 1 130 MORGAN SQUARE
SPARTANBURG, S. C.



Mr. R. E. Holland
Clerk's Office
Isle of Wight County
Isle of Wight, Va.

MEMBER MIDWEST STOCK EXCHANGE



Duplicate

ANN WALLER REDDY
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Dear Mrs Chapman;

Thank you very much for the use of these notes;
I had them copied thinking they would be easier to read in this
way Am enclosing copy for you.

Thanking you again for the use of the notes. Miss Wills
has now decided she does not wish the work done.

Gratefully yours

A.W.Reddy